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## DESPERATE FIGHTING REPORTED ON BOTH FRONTS IN ETHIOPIA

*Streams Diverted To Destroy Addis Ababa Road*



Jack McAvey, above, the British middleweight boxing champion, lost on points last night against Jack Petersen, the holder, in a bout for the British and Empire heavyweight titles. (A report of the fight appears on Page 5).

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

"Terukuni Maru" Passengers

DELEGATIONS BOUND FOR EUROPE

Several well known Japanese personalities arrived in the Colony this morning en route to Europe by the m.v. Terukuni Maru, including an International Labour Party delegation for Geneva, and another delegation of Chemical Engineers and Metallurgists for the Chemical and Engineering conference, which is shortly to be held in London.

Among the latter party is Professor T. Eguchi, a Chemical Engineer attached to the Imperial Japanese Navy and a member of the Osaka Technical College, who is making a special study.

**EMINENT SURGEON**  
Included in the party for London is Mr. Katsura, an eminent Japanese surgeon who is going to further his studies, and travelling with the same party is a German Professor of Languages, who is on a round-the-world tour. Mr. J. Katsura is the leader of the delegation.

**LABOUR DELEGATION**  
A delegation of 12 members, representing Japan at the International Labour Conference at Geneva, were also on board, but had left the vessel soon after she had berthed for a tour of the island and mainland. Included in the party were Mr. Kitaoka, who is the leader, Mr. Shibuzawa, Mr. Kawano, Mr. Kin, Mr. Yamaguchi, Mr. Maribei, Mr. Yoshigaki, Mr. Yasunaga, Mr. Shimidzu, Mr. Ikeda, Mr. Suzuki and Mr. Fukada.

**OLYMPIAD SCULLER**  
Same of Japan's entries for the Eleventh World Olympiad, to be held in Berlin from August 1 to 16, have already commenced their journey and the first of the big delegation of over 350 competitors, Japan's finest sculler, Mr. Susumu Yaki, of the Imperial University of Tokyo, is a passenger on board the m.v. Terukuni Maru en route to Kiel to commence his training for the Olympic Sculling Championship.

A fairly young man, he will probably be the youngest competitor in this event at the Berlin Games.

### ALDERSHOT WINS

London, To-day. — The Third Division (South) football match between Clapton Orient and Aldershot, which was played yesterday on the Orient ground, resulted in a win for the latter by one goal to nil.—*Reuter*.

### GERMAN MINISTER RESCUED

BRITISH PLANE JUST IN TIME

LIVES PRESERVED BY DRINKING WATER FROM RADIATOR OF CAR

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

A thrilling account of the rescue of the German Minister, Baron von Stohrer, and his chauffeur from certain death by starvation in the sandy wastes of the western desert of Egypt, by a British plane, was given when both the men, who had been missing since Saturday last, were landed at Heliopolis military airport yesterday.

Representatives of the Egyptian Government and the German Legation, as well as the local British air force commander and the members of the Royal Egyptian Automobile Club, met the rescued men at the airport and heartily congratulated them on their escape.

It was disclosed that Baron von Stohrer and his chauffeur had lost their way in a sandstorm which burst shortly after their departure on Saturday, when they were already nearing their destination, the Bahariya oasis. Almost blinded by the whirlwind of sand the two men found they were driving in a circle, and their desperate efforts to find their way were frustrated by exhaustion of their petrol supply.

They just contrived to move the car on to a rocky eminence, where they covered it with a white cloth, which circumstance enabled Flight-Officer Richardson of the Royal Air Force to sight the car from a distance of nearly 30 miles.

Baron von Stohrer declared that he and his companion had managed to preserve their lives by drinking the water from the radiator of their motor-car, the water having luckily been sterilised previously. Early yesterday the two men had eaten their last provisions, consisting of sardines, while their water supply was nearly exhausted.

An examination of the motor-car revealed that the steering gear had been damaged by the roughness of the road.

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Jerusalem, To-day.

The general strike proclaimed by the Arab population was in full swing yesterday, but, despite the existing tension, which was heightened in view of the Moslem holiday to-day, no rioting has occurred within the past 24 hours. Several cases of arson, however, are reported from various parts of the country, a Jewish cornfield of nearly half a square mile having, for instance, been destroyed near Betalpa.

The preparations for the opening of the annual Levant Fair at Tel Aviv on April 30 are nevertheless progressing as usual.

The total number of casualties, which has been enormously exaggerated by fanciful rumours current here, is officially placed at 21 killed and 155 wounded since the beginning of the disorders.

The German liner Monte Rosa, which is at present on a Mediterranean cruise, was scheduled to arrive at Haifa yesterday, but proceeded to Beirut without calling at the Palestine port.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

MORE REASSURING NEWS

Jerusalem: The news regarding the clashes between Jews and Arabs is more reassuring. The strike at Jaffa is continuing for a second day, but no disturbances are reported as the police dispersed crowds as soon as they formed.

The High Commissioner visited the hospital in which the wounded from the riots are accommodated. So far the casualties are 16 Jews and five Arabs killed, and 25 Jews and 32 Arabs injured.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.



A scene at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph on St. George's Day (yesterday). Mr. V. M. Grayburn, President of the Hong Kong St. George's Society, and Sir Henry Pellock, K.C., who together laid the wreath, are seen in the foreground, right. ("China Mail" photo).

### NEW MANCHURIA TREATY

Extraterritorial Privileges Of Japan Abolished

Changchun, To-day.

A treaty whereby the extraterritorial privileges Japan has enjoyed in Manchuria since the Russo-Japanese War will be abolished and the Japanese administrative taxation rights in the South Manchurian Railway zone surrendered, will come into effect on July 1.

The treaty will not affect the Japanese jurisdiction in the Kwantung Leased Territory nor the status of the S.M.R. zone as a sphere of Japanese influence.—*Reuter*.

### JAPAN'S NAVAL BUDGET

Large Appropriations Asked For

Tokyo, To-day.

The Admiralty has submitted to the Diet a naval budget requiring 552,000,000 yen, plus supplementary credits of 134,000,000, including 6,000,000 for the reorganisation of the air service, 21,000,000 for the reorganisation of naval arsenals, and 54,000,000 for the modernisation of the fighting units.—*Reuter*.

### AIR RAIDS IN WARTIME

Bomb-Proof Shelter In Berlin

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The construction of the capital's largest bomb-proof shelter, capable of offering refuge to several thousand persons in the event of an air raid in wartime, has now been completed beneath the Alexanderplatz, the well-known square in one of Berlin's busiest districts.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

### Precautions In Fukien

Canton, To-day.—Determined

to nip any pro-Japanese uprising in Fukien in the bud, General Chang Fa-kuei, Commander-in-Chief of the Nanking troops on the Chekiang-Fukien-Kiangsi-Anhui borders, yesterday urged the immediate dispatch of 40 fighters and bombers and four more divisions into Fukien.

General Chang suggested that troops might be sent into that province from Kiangsi and Chekiang. There are about 100 first-line aeroplanes in Nanchang, provin-

### NEW CRISIS IN EUROPE?

TROUBLE BREWING IN AUSTRIA

UNION WITH GERMANY FEARED IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Fears that trouble is brewing in Austria are expressed in France, following the news that Austria is hastening with the introduction of conscription. "Le Temps" refers to the renewal of Nazi machinations, while the Radical "Ere Nouvelle" writes that events, speeches and gestures in Germany all tend to the same goal — the union of Austria with Germany.

"How, is to-morrow's secret, but there seems to be scarcely any doubt that Herr Hitler's decision has been taken.—*Reuter*.

### GRAF ZEPPELIN RETURNS

Intermediary Landing At Seville

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Hamburg, To-day.

The airship Graf Zeppelin, which on its return voyage from South America made the scheduled intermediary landing at Seville yesterday morning, resumed its homeward trip in the afternoon, according to a wireless message from on board.

The dirigible, which is making about 65 miles an hour, is heading for the Bay of Biscay and will follow the route via Holland to Friedrichshafen.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

Berlin's busiest districts.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

### ITALIAN REVERSE NEAR DANANE

GALLA TRIBE REJOIN ARMY OF NEGUS

ABYSSINIAN GOVERNMENT NOT LEAVING CAPITAL

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Communique No. 194, telegraphed by Marshal Badoglio yesterday, reports the continued advance of the Libyan divisions on the Somali front.

The communique goes on to say: "The scattered and disintegrated enemy units are endeavouring unavailingly to evade our pursuit along the caravan route from El Fud." A detachment of Italian troops commanded by General Vernet captured a caravan comprising 600 camels which was conveying provisions to the army of Dedejas Bebadanto. A number of lorries transporting medical supplies were also captured by our troops.

"Our detachment occupied a town in Fafan Valley and the town of Kurati. In the sector of the front near Borana our native detachments, supported by Abyssinians who have rallied to the Italian side, reached the El Dere region to the west of Ualca Marro, putting to flight the Abyssinian troops encountered here. On all sectors of the Somaliland front our aircraft bombed the enemy positions effectively.

"There is no news of importance from the Eritrean front."

Addis Ababa: Several hundred Italians are stated to have been killed or wounded in severe fighting near Ducan, west of Nugebi, where a fierce Italian attack was repulsed by the Abyssinians yesterday, according to reports reaching here. The situation on the northern front appears to have been changed, with the Italian advance, according to the Abyssinian version, completely checked north of Sholameda and 25 miles south of Dessie, where strong Italian attacks are likewise said to have been repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.

The reorganisation of the Abyssinian army is making good progress. The latest despatches from the southern front indicate that the Italian operations are badly hampered by the unfavourable weather conditions, the motorised columns, which have been playing a large part in the Italian advance, having been practically paralysed by the incessant rainfall and the rain-soaked roads.

**HEAVY ITALIAN LOSSES**

Heavy Italian losses on the southern front are reported by General Nasibou, who states that several thousand Italians have been killed in a battle near Danane, and that the Abyssinians succeeded in repulsing all the enemy attacks.

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### USE OF DUM-DUM BULLETS

No Responsibility In Britain

London, To-day.

In answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday Lord Cranborne said that the Italian allegation of the use of dum-dum bullets by the Abyssinian forces was being dealt with by the League. Suggestions about the supply by British firms, either directly or indirectly, of dum-dum ammunition to the Ethiopian Government for military purposes had been fully investigated and found to be entirely baseless.—*British Wireless Service*.

### SUEZ CANAL'S FUTURE

Egypt Extends Her Influence

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The Suez Canal dues will be fixed at 38 piastres, as the result of a new agreement expected to be concluded shortly between the Egyptian Government and the Suez Canal Company, according to the paper *L'Information*, which points out that this will mean an increase in the existing tariff, since the equivalent in French currency of the sum in question is 29.2 francs, whereas the amount hitherto payable had been only 28.1 francs.

The paper goes on to say that three seats on the company's board of directors will henceforth be reserved for Egyptians, who will likewise form—should this prove feasible—25 per cent. of the company's total staff.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

### PERSECUTIONS IN SPAIN

Right-Wing Elements Receive Attention

Madrid, To-day.

The persecution of Fascists and other persons with Right-wing sympathies continues unabated throughout Spain. Four priests are among the political prisoners gaoled in Aviles in recent days. At Jaen a man was fined 500 pesetas for having given the Fascist salute in the street.

In Valladolid six members of the Fascist "Falange" called on the Governor in order to demand the release of some party members who had been arrested without apparent cause. When the Governor refused to receive them they began to sing the Fascist Hymn in the Governor's anteroom, whereupon they were promptly arrested and fined 1,000 pesetas each.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.



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Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Katori Maru (via Siberia) Apr. 25  
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Closes: Reg. 3.30 p.m. Ord. 4 p.m.  
Bangalore (via Marseilles) Apr. 25  
Katori Maru Apr. 25  
Chitral (via Siberia) Apr. 30

## FOR SHANGHAI

General Lee Apr. 24  
Pres. Grant Apr. 24  
Sarpedon Apr. 25  
Chitral Apr. 30

## FOR JAPAN

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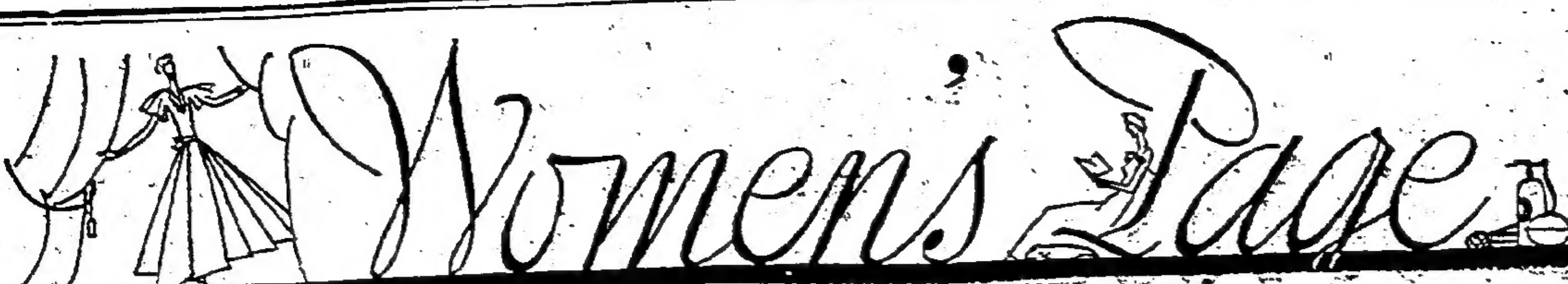
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Terukuni Maru Apr. 24  
Conte Verde Apr. 25  
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## FOR AUSTRALIA

Kamo Maru Apr. 24



## SPORTS CLOTHES

## Hand-Knitting Popular

For the woman who leads an active life there are some splendid sports clothes in the new collections. There is a strong feeling for hand-knitted dresses and jumpers in one. These are usually in mannish designs, plain, tailored, in bold ribs and plain stitches and heather mixtures. Often they are shown with turn-down collars and cashmere ties, and if not actually knitted by hand, they simulate the effect by clever weaving.

## Quite Chic Enough

Knitting, hand-made, as well as machine-made, is being used for many things—suits, skirts, blouses, coats, dresses—just as if it were plain material. Those women who know anything about sports clothes are enthusiastic about knitting. Knitting is chic enough to have graduated from the sports section to city clothes, and is especially attractive in dark colours and in black. Grey seems to be a great favourite for sports, especially in an ash shade, and it is both practical and smart, associated with brown—a brown hat, gloves, shoes and bag, with a grey costume. For town, marine blue is one of the smart colours.

## PRESERVING LEATHER

Artificial leather and real leather chairs can be kept in good condition by rubbing over with linseed oil from time to time. This nourishes as well as cleanses the leather.



## The Secret Of Smartness

## Cut And Material Important

## KEEP TO CONVENTION

It is a mistake to imagine that because one lives in the country, clothes are of secondary importance. The present trend of fashions is to design specially for the out-of-town woman, so that her clothes will do duty for an occasional trip to town and yet be quite in keeping with her rustic surroundings at home, and if great care is given to the initial choice of such clothes it will save a good deal of money and inconvenience, because really well-chosen clothes can be worn for many years.

## Elegance In The Country

There is a great deal of difference between "wearing out one's old clothes for the country" and wearing a really good coat for many years. The former implies a shabby appearance, while the latter can achieve well-bred elegance, when accompanied by well-polished country shoes, stout good quality gloves, and a suitable hat that is becoming and harmonises with the well-worn coat.

It is as well to stick to fairly conventional lines, when choosing good country clothes, and a loose, easy-fitting coat that will slip over a dress or a tailored suit is an invaluable garment for all seasons of the year. These may be loose or belted, and while there is little change in this type of garment new trends in minor ways are noticeable each season.

The "swagger" is replaced by the "swing-back" this year, which means that the fullness hangs from the shoulders at the back, but the front hangs quite straight. This line applies to all loose coats whatever their length. The loose-fitting polo coat is indispensable to wear over a skirt and sweater. Newest of all is the polo coat that ties instead of buttoning, which gives it the casual air so beloved by the moderns in all their country clothes.

## FASHIONS FOIBLES

The newest accessories for day time are pretty, gay, or extremely rich. A Juliette cap, a mass of silver spangles, is an accessory for evening wear. Enormous feather fans in every colour in the rainbow are other favourites with smart women.

## CARELESS PEOPLE NOTE!

Should a white or light-coloured silk garment be scorched while ironing or airing at the fire, just touch the marks lightly with peroxide of hydrogen, and then run a warm iron over and the marks will disappear.

## PREVENT SHRINKAGE

Woolen garments are much less liable to shrink if a spoonful of glycerine is added to the water in which they are washed and rinsed. This will also soften the water and help to retain the fluffiness of the wool.

## USED MATCHES

Keep empty match-boxes and keep used matches in them, for used matches make adequate fire-lighters.



## KNITTING SLEEVES

Knitting the sleeves is always an unattractive part of jumper-making. The relief at having finished one sleeve is shadowed by the certainty that another has yet to be made and that the second sleeve also may not turn out an exact match. A plan to avoid both these things is simple. Merely knit both sleeves at the same time on the same needles, having of course, two balls of wool and knitting first a row of each sleeve, then turning and doing a row the other way of each. In this way the sleeve tension and the sleeve lengths remain the same throughout.

## SHEET ECONOMY

Sheets which are washed at home and frequently hung out of doors are inclined to wear rather quickly at the corners owing to the fact that they support the full weight of the sheet while drying. It is a good plan to attach fairly wide loops to the corners of the sheets and a similar loop in the centre of each of the sides so that this danger is avoided. The weight of the sheet is then supported in three distinct places and the corners will not wear through.

## TALCUM SPRAYS

In some stores now are sprays which send forth a cloud of talcum powder—instead of scent. There is probably nothing as luxurious as a huge puff for this purpose, but if you are hurrying then the talcum spray is certainly a time-saver, and it leaves no residue of powder on the bathroom floor.

## THAT OLD BERET

Put a discarded beret on the head of a broom, and you will find it will make a good polisher. When making pintucks, draw a thread out of the material where you want the tuck to come and you'll find it perfectly easy to keep the tuck quite straight.

## RUCHING TREATMENTS

Striking ruching treatments are frequently used on blouses of satin and other soft materials. Some sleeves are ruched from shoulder to elbow, where they finish with wide sling-shaped cuffs. Ruching is also seen at the junction of short puff sleeves with the shoulder line.

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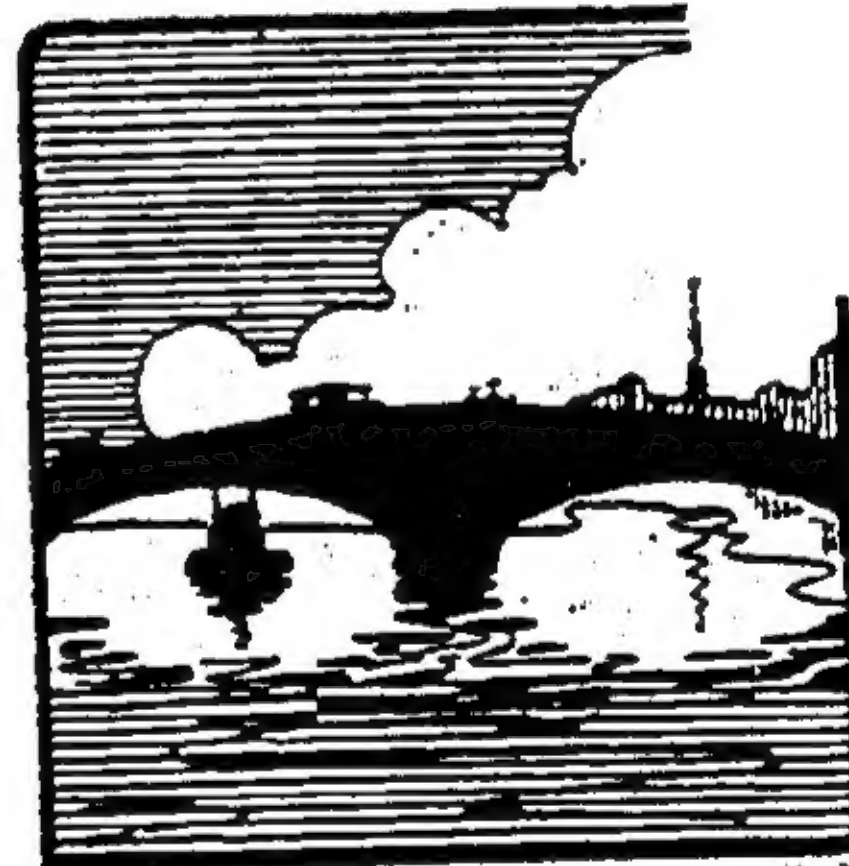
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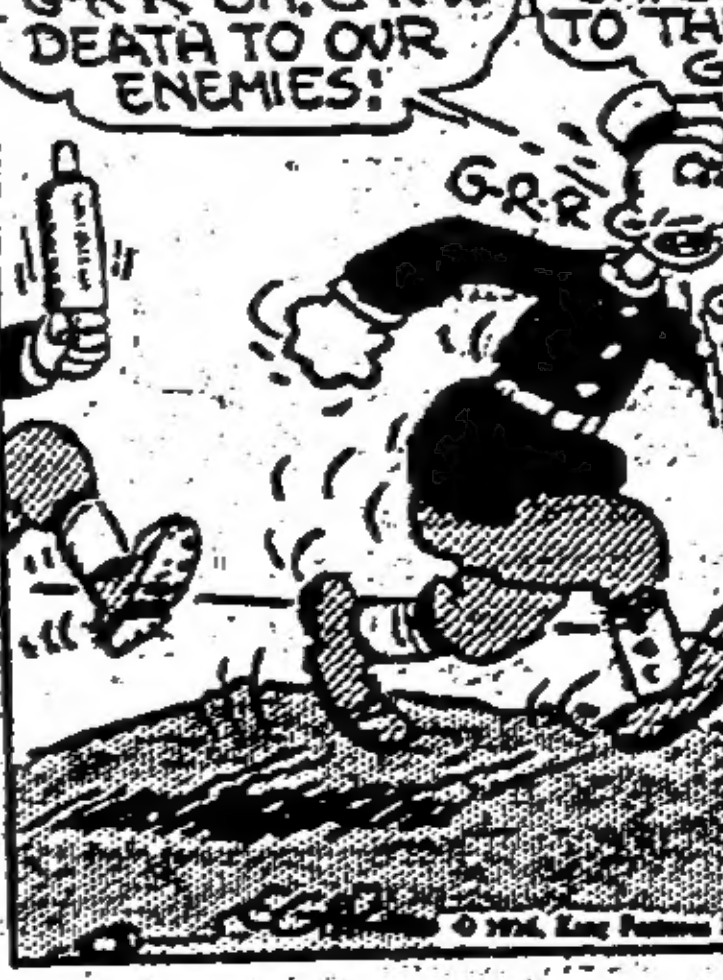


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Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1,000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
MAINLAND	Feet
Taimoshan	2,124
Kowloon Peak	1,971



John Wood, the English star, plays the part of Flavius, son of Marcus, who is in love with Claudia, played by Dorothy Wilson, in "The Last Days of Pompeii," which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Sunday.



## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

Recital for Two Pianos from the Studio  
Talk on "H.K. Rifle Meeting"  
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record Programme.  
12.30 p.m.—Orchestral Music.  
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—A Recital by Richard Crooks (Tenor).  
1.30 p.m.—Military Band Selection.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin.  
Rugby Press News, Local Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Instrumental Variety.  
2 p.m.—Dance Music.  
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.  
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.  
7 p.m.—"Quintet in A Major" (Dvorak, Op. 81) played by Artur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.  
7.33 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.  
Disco Land—Selection.  
Seeing Stars—Selection (Rogers).  
7.50 p.m.—From the Studio.  
"Book Reviews" by A. D.  
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report, Stock Quotations and Announcements.  
8.05 p.m.—"The Skaters' Waltz" (Waldteufel).  
8.10 p.m.—From the Studio.  
A Talk on the Final Shoot of The Hong Kong Rifle Association by C. A. Grimes.  
8.20 p.m.—The Boswell Sisters.  
Rock and Roll.  
If I had a million dollars.  
St. Louis Blues.  
Travelin' all alone.  
8.23 p.m.—Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.  
I want your heart (Haydn Wood).  
Love's Last Word (Cremieux).  
Falling in Love again (Hollander).  
Love in Idleness (Macbeth).  
Bien Aimes—Valse (Waldteufel).  
A Little Love a Little Kiss (Sileu).  
Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates).  
Gipsy Moon (Borgano).  
9 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter) and Announcements.  
9.20 p.m.—"Leslie Hutchinson" Medley.  
9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.  
A Recital for Two Pianos by Lube Shafstain and Lydia Gurevitch.  
Programme  
1. Concerto No. 1 Chopin.  
2. Solo—Esoecses Chopin.  
Mazurka Chopin.  
10 p.m.—Big Ben.  
10 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.  
"Oop for 'Coop Final." A Cup Final Medley, presented by John Pudney.  
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.  
11 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### Brilliant Opening Lead

By Ely Culbertson

The defenders' privilege of making the first lead is an equivocal one. Depending on the card of suit selected, it may pay handsome dividends or result in ruin.

If the opening lead were made only after careful scrutiny of all four hands I believe that fully half the game contracts fulfilled against an average blind opening lead would be defeated. Please note that I have specified average in this assertion. It is true that no player alive can invariably make a "double dummy" opening lead, but a gifted few come close to this standard.

The hand shown below was played in an important tournament. The South player deserves to wear the accolade, "Brilliant Opening Leader."

North, dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
S A Q 7  
H K Q J 9 7 6  
D 7 5  
C 9  
S 10 8 5 3 N S K J 9 6 4 2  
H 10 2 W E H A 4 3  
D K Q S D 9 8  
C A K Q 8 6 C 5 4  
S None  
H 8  
D A J 10 6 4 3 2  
C 10 7 3 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1H 1S 2D 3C  
3H 3S Pass 4S  
Double Pass Pass Redouble  
[final bid]

South on lead, had much food for thought. His partner had bid and rebid hearts, so his singleton eight was the conventionally proper opening. But it appeared doubtful, in view of the strong bidding by both opponents, that the heart and diamond remnants were distributed evenly, or that enough tricks could be won in the suits to defeat the contract. North's double indicated a sure trick in trumps to act as "control." If North also had a singleton club, and it could be removed while South retained the diamond ace as entry, a club ruff might be the setting trick.

South acted on this line of reasoning and led a low club. The subsequently play followed his diagnosis perfectly. North won the first lead of trumps and put South in with a diamond. A second club was led and ruffed by North, who could not be prevented from winning a heart trick later for the contract's defeat. Had the heart been led, East needed to be careful of only one thing; to enter dummy with a diamond rather than a club, which would have allowed a later ruff.

## MAN HIT BY FLAGSTAFF

\$210 Damages Awarded

Mr. Justice Atkinson, in the King's Bench Division last month, awarded \$210 damages, with costs, against the St. John Ambulance Association to Mr. Israel Shiffman, of Victoria Park-road, E.

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# Sporting Page

## LONG LEAGUE SOCCER PROGRAMME CAUSES DISSATISFACTION

### STRENUOUS TIME FOR PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE GAMES FOR MID-WEEK? TIME RIPE FOR RELEGATION AND PROMOTION

(By "Referee")

THE extra long League football programme, caused by postponements and additional representative games, has resulted in a loss of interest in the remaining fixtures and many players are seriously considering the total abandonment of the game next season in view of the strenuous period through which they had had to go through.

The playing of these postponed fixtures on week-days may be good enough for military teams, whose players are not working in offices which are very reluctant to let their employees go before 5 p.m., but a hard game of soccer after a tiring day at the desk is not exactly conducive to good soccer.

The League Management Committee will have to discover some other solution other than playing representative games, with the exception of the Interport and Sunday Herald Cup matches, on week-ends, and I would suggest that these be played during the mid-week and that the League fixtures be given every available Saturday.

Furthermore, it is about the time Hong Kong took its place with other cities in the Far East with regard to relegation and promotion, and in this respect it would not be a bad idea if they made a start immediately, or before the end of the current season.

It is obvious that things cannot be allowed to go on as they are and a sound move would be to relegate the two lowest teams in each of the First and Second Divisions, and promote the champions of the Second and Third Divisions!

### KOWLOON'S BIG TASK AGAINST FUSILIERS

#### Boyes Must Improve Between Sticks

#### TALBOT AND EVANS ARE SOLDIERS' BEST

Following their praiseworthy efforts against the Club, and later the Police, Kowloon should provide the Fusiliers with stern opposition to-morrow when they clash in their First Division League soccer match on the Chatham Road ground.

Kowloon have a youthful team at their disposal with the exception of one or two players, and there is no reason why they should not be much higher up in the table than they are at present. Their one weakness at the present moment is in goal, where Boyes has not the height for an ideal custodian, while his sense of anticipation and understanding of his full-backs' movements, are not as good as they might be.

#### Sound Trio

Bliss is still playing an excellent game in the pivotal position, while Roberts and Boyd are two hard-working winghalves, who are both experienced players. G. White is a thrustful leader, while V. White, who usually plays at inside-left, is a fine shot, but a trifle slow in shooting. Honniball and W. Knox have made great

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### CLUB MAKE ONE CHANGE FOR TO-MORROW

#### Skinner Replaces Nicholls

#### KEEN TUSSE AGAINST EAST LANCES, EXPECTED

The Club are making one change in their senior soccer side to meet the East Lances to-morrow in their return First Division League clash, Skinner coming in at right-back instead of Nicholls, who is still on the injured list. The soldiers gave a very game display on Wednesday when they held the Rifles to a draw, sharing two goals in a very strenuous encounter, featured by fast play and deadly marksmanship, which was nullified, however, by excellent defensive play.

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Jack Petersen, the British and Empire heavyweight boxing champion, retained his title last night when he outpointed Jack McAlver at the Empire Stadium, Earl's Court.

### ROVER'S FORECAST

#### TO-MORROW

FIRST DIVISION:  
S. CHINA "B" v Recreio (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)  
FUSILIERS v Kowloon (Chatham Road, 4.45 p.m.)  
Navy v RIFLES (Causeway Bay, 4.45 p.m.)  
CLUB v East Lances (Club, 4.45 p.m.)  
SECOND DIVISION:  
FUSILIERS v South China (Chatham Road, 3.45 p.m.)  
EAST LANCES v Kowloon (Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)  
RIFLES v Club (Club, 3.15 p.m.)  
R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C. v Eastern (Sokolupoo, 3.15 p.m.)  
SUNDAY  
FIRST DIVISION  
Lyemun v Club (Club, 4.45 p.m.)  
ATHLETIC v Police (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)

### UNINTERESTING JUNIOR CARD

#### Two Premier League Games For Sunday

There is an uninteresting Second Division League soccer programme for to-morrow, with the exception of one game, in which the combined R.A.O.C. and R.A.S.C. team meet Eastern at home.

The former team caused a big upset on Wednesday last when they defeated the Sappers by an only goal after 70 minutes of fast football. Eastern will not have the services of Cheng Shui-hong, their leader, who has left for the North, and, being their most prolific scorer, he will be badly missed.

In the other games, the Fusiliers, East Lances, and Rifles should record wins against South China, Kowloon and the Club respectively.

Two First Division games will be played on Sunday, when the Club are expected to take both points from Lyemun, but the Athletic and Police will probably be engaged in an exciting struggle in their premier clash at Caroline Hill.

### Spencer Leads League Marksmen

The following is a complete list of goal-scorers in the First, Second and Third Divisions of the local Soccer League with a qualifying figure of six goals:

#### FIRST DIVISION

Elliot (Club) 23  
Johnson (Police) 20  
Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A") 20  
C. White (Kowloon) 17  
Sandford (East Lances) 16  
Fowler (Club) 15  
Evans (Fusiliers) 15  
Yeung Kan-po (Athletic) 14  
Higgins (Lincoln) 14  
Leonard (St. Joseph's) 12  
Moses (Police) 12  
Stevens (Police) 10  
Cannell (Navy) 10  
Fung King-chung (S. China "A") 10  
Gomes (Navy) 10  
Gomes (Recreio) 10  
Chen Shui-hong (S. China "B") 9  
D. Knox (Kowloon) 9  
Ng Pak-wa (S. China "A") 9  
Ng Po-ku (S. China "B") 9  
B. Gomes (Recreio) 9  
Harrison (Fusiliers) 9  
Sullivan (Fusiliers) 9

#### SECOND DIVISION

Spencer (Navy) 23  
Howlett (Engineers) 20  
Duffy (Engineers) 20  
Bumster (Fusiliers) 17  
Gould (Navy) 16  
Wilde (Navy) 15  
Radcliff (East Lances) 14  
Hurst (Engineers) 14  
Cheng Shui-hong (Eastern) 12  
Chan Tak-fai (South China) 12  
Boyd (Rifles) 10  
Clarke (Rifles) 10  
Evans (R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.) 10  
Parker (Fusiliers) 10  
Oresty (Fusiliers) 10  
Hornor (East Lances) 10  
Antism (Navy) 9  
Coakley (Fusiliers) 9  
Chan Ping-to (Eastern) 9  
Blake (University) 9  
A. M. Omar (Radio) 9  
Walkden (East Lances) 9

#### THIRD DIVISION

Singleton (Fusiliers) 26  
C. Santos (Liga) 22  
Fyfe (Medicals) 22  
Crooks (East Lances) 22  
Bowler (East Lances) 22  
Tatler (Fusiliers) 22  
Willerton (European Police) 22  
Journilho (St. Joseph's) 22  
Tuley (East Lances) 22  
Smith (Air Force) 22  
Kong Hing (Chinese Police) 22  
Parker (Medicals) 22  
Yong (Medicals) 22  
Bash (Lincoln) 22  
H. Souza (Liga) 22  
Murray (Air Force) 22  
Chan Wing-kam (Chinese Police) 22  
Gregory (Air Force) 22  
Murphy (East Lances) 22  
Beale (Engineers) 22

### LAWN BOWLS SEASON OPENS TO-MORROW FOOTBALL CLUB'S BOLD EXPERIMENT

#### SENIOR AND JUNIOR TEAMS

FOLLOWING yesterday's review of the prospects for the lawn bowls season, which will commence to-morrow, providing the "Clerk of the Weather" wills, it is obvious that those teams which finished at the top of the Senior and Junior Divisions last season will again be in at the death this year, and although Craigengower "A," the senior champions, have lost B. W. Bradbury and H. Beer, their outlook is at present very bright.

Recreio will have all last year's players available and should perform equally well this season, while the Bowling Green Club have lost four members whose vacancies will be hard to fill, in addition to which two veterans of the senior section are contemplating retiring in order to give the younger members a chance.

In the Junior Division, the champions, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, will be without the services of L. A. R. Duncan, one of their best performers last season, who is at Home and who reached the Final of the Open Pairs with his father, who at present skips one of the Club's senior rinks.

One of the outstanding features of this season's League is the special effort being made by the Hong Kong Football Club, who are entering two teams in the Junior Division, while Taikoo have returned to the First Division after a season with the juniors.

The following are selected teams for to-morrow:

#### First Division Teams

Craigengower "A":  
A. E. Coates, A. A. Razack, D. Rumjaha, R. F. Luz (Skip), C. Summons, L. C. R. Souza, A. S. Gomes, U. M. Omar (Skip), J. S. Landolt, Dr. V. N. Atienza, E. el Arculli, R. Bassa (Skip).

Craigengower "B":  
J. R. Soares, M. J. Medina, W. Gill, J. Cavanagh (Skip), A. J. Coelho, K. M. Omar, M. A. R. Souza, C. S. Rossetti (Skip), J. W. Leonard, H. W. Randall, A. M. Omar, W. V. Field (Skip).

Kowloon C.C.:  
A. E. Silkstone, E. C. Fincher, J. Fraser and R. P. Phillips (skip), G. Lee, R. G. Craig, F. Goodwin and A. Hyde-Lay (skip), H. Gittins, W. Geall, A. Hyde and N. J. Bebbington (skip), Reserve: T. Ferguson.

Civil Service C.C.:  
P. E. Knight, J. Cook, J. W. Deakin and F. J. Jones (skip), H. Major, L. A. Collyer, H. E. Strange and A. W. Grimmit (skip), J. Gallatley, S. E. Alderman, J. F. Macgown and J. Hollidge (skip).

Police R.C.:  
W. Cameron, W. S. Dall, A. E. Carey and W. Mair (skip), H. McKay, C. Dowman, J. Orem and W. E. Hollands (skip), L. Glendenning, W. McHardy, R. H. E. Marks and J. Shepherd (skip).

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### NAVY'S BEST DEPART FOR WEI-HAI-WEI

#### Rifles Should Win To-morrow

#### CAMPBELL STILL BADLY MISSED FROM SIDE

The Rifles are not likely to be fully extended by the Navy to-morrow afternoon in their premier League soccer encounter at Causeway Bay, as the latter have lost their best players through the departure of the China Fleet on their summer cruise.

However, with the few ships that are at present in port, the sailors should be able to field a fairly good side, one which should do credit to the senior service, but whether or not they will be able to beat the Rifles is a matter for conjecture.

The Rifles have several useful men at their disposal, but until such time as Campbell returns to the team in the pivotal berth, they will never be at their best.

#### A Comparison

Campbell is as much to the Rifles as Lee Wai-tong is to South China "A," which is saying a lot for him. He is a sound half-back combines brains with brawn and stamina, three excellent possessions.

Coyle, who is at present occupying Campbell's position, is a trier, but has not yet been able to shake off his inferiority complex, resulting from his playing in the Third Division for some time.

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### FORECAST FOR TO-MORROW

FIRST DIVISION	INDIAN R.C. (55)
KOWLOON B.G.C. (64)	CIVIL SERVICE C.C. (51)
CLUB DE RECREIO (72)	CRAIGENGOWER "A" (—)
KOWLOON C.C. (—)	POLICE R.C. (40)
CRAIGENGOWER "B" (76)	TAIKOO DOCKS (—)
KOWLOON DOCKS (—)	
SECOND DIVISION	KOWLOON B.G.C. (—)
CRAIGENGOWER (—)	CLUB DE RECREIO (67)
CIVIL SERVICE C.C. (45)	KOWLOON C.C. (57)
FOOTBALL CLUB "A" (51)	FOOTBALL CLUB "B" (—)
POLICE (—)	ELECTRIC R.C. (—)
YACHT CLUB (—)	

Figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding game last season and underlined teams are favoured to win.



Contrary to belief, A. W. Grimmit, above, former holder of the Colony's three Open titles in one season, will be playing in the opening match of the Lawn Bowls League to-morrow.

### GOSANO BROS. AND BELTRAO TO RETIRE?

#### League Programme Too Strenuous

#### S. CHINA "B" FIELD NEWCOMERS

South China "B," who have lost several useful men for a better cause, the World Olympiad at Berlin, will meet Recreio to-morrow afternoon at Caroline Hill, where an evenly contested game is anticipated.

Because of the strenuous time they have had to go through recently, it is rumoured that several Recreio players, including B. Gosano, N. Beltrao and A. V. Gosano, will not be seen to-morrow. Their possible absence from the encounter will obviously seriously jeopardise the Portuguese team's chances of victory against a much weaker Chinese team.

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### RECREIO "A" WIN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF

#### ELIOT HALL LOSE TITLE

One of the finest badminton matches in the history of the Colony was witnessed last night at Taikoo Recreation Club when Recreio seniors convincingly defeated Eliot Hall "A" team by 7 games to 2 in the Men's Doubles Badminton League to secure the Championship which the losers had held since they entered the League.

Playing on a neutral court, the undergraduates were entirely lost, finding it no easy task to win the two games they did from Recreio's third string.

T. C. Lee and B. K. Chan, Eliot Hall's strongest pair, gave a very poor display, but their third string, C. O. Lee and K. L. Yong, played up gallantly in the course of their three games.

Detailed results of the match were as follows:—

7	L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio "A")	21-16
6	beat T. C. Lee and B. K. Chan	21-16
6	beat K. S. Liew and K. Y. Lee	21-7
6	beat C. O. Lee and K. L. Yong	24-23
6	J. J. Remedios and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio "A")	21-10
6	beat Lee and Chan	21-10
6	beat Liew and Lee	21-9
6	beat Lee and Yong	21-15
6	H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros (Recreio "A")	18-21
19	lost to Lee and Chan	12-21
16	lost to Liew and Lee	12-21
15	lost to Liew and Lee	21-18
14	beat Lee and Yong	21-18

#### FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
10	Recreio "A"	22	22	1	153	24
11	Eliot Hall "A"	23	21	2	130	22
9	C. R. C.	22	17	5	122	34
8	St. Andrew's "A"	22	16	6	113	34
8	Eliot Hall "B"	21	13	8	90	54
7	Recreio "B"	21	12	9	83	61
7	St. John's	22	11	11	83	56
7	Fire Brigade	22	6	14	67	101
7	B. C.	22	5	17	55	98
7	Kowloon Tong	22	3	19	49	104
7	St. Andrew's "B"	22	3	19	20	106
6	S. and S. Home	22	1	21	27	154



R. Bass, above, who played as No. 3 in R. F. Luz's Craigengower "A" rink last season, will be skipping a rink of his own to-morrow at the Valley.

### OUTSTANDING CRICKETER TO VISIT ENGLAND

#### Indian Who Defied M.C.C. Bowlers

#### S. WAZIR ALI TRAVELLING WITH TEST TEAM

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, March 1.

An outstanding personality in the Indian cricket side to tour here this summer is S. Wazir Ali, who captained India to victory in the unofficial Test match against the Australian touring side at Madras.

He first came into prominence with a record innings of 197 for the Mohammedans against the Hindus at Bombay in 1924, and two years later was well known to the bowlers of A. E. R. Gilligan's M.C.C. touring team. Among his best scores against them were two centuries at Patiala and Delhi.

#### M.C.C. Bowlers Defied

Touring with the All-India side in England four years ago, Wazir Ali was second to Major C. K. Naidu in the batting averages, scoring 1,725 runs for an average of 33.83. He hit six centuries including 178 against Leicestershire.

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### CALIFORNIA FINDS MORE MONEY

#### Oxford Rugby Tour Nearly Abandoned

San Francisco, March 24.

The Oxford University Rugby team will, after all be able to carry out their tour of California. Mr. Roy Tisdall, president of the Southern California Rugby Union, whose arrangements for the tour were upset by the mysterious disappearance of the \$2,000 guarantee, stated last night that additional funds had been subscribed.

The announcement came just in time. If no statement had been forthcoming by yesterday the tour would have been abandoned.

New dates are being arranged. Tisdall said that a selected Los Angeles team who will play the visitors will include Victor McLaglen's "Lighthorse" Club.



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Vienna Blood.
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Kowloon B.C.C.:  
A. Russell, J. Watson, W. McFarlane, L. Guy (skip).  
J. G. Meyer, J. Henson, M. Henderson, A. Holland (skip).  
S. Bright, R. Hall, S. Randle, R. Duncan (skip).

Club de Recreio:  
L. A. Gutierrez, D. Alves, J. J. Basto and F. N. da Silva (skip).  
A. A. Remedios, E. M. Remedios, C. E. Marques and H. A. Alves (skip).

J. E. Noronha, L. F. Xavier, F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (skip).  
Indian R.C.:  
D. M. Khan, S. M. Rumjahn, M. Y. Adal, A. R. Dallah (skip).  
J. Hoosen, A. K. Minu, A. H. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu (skip).  
M. R. Abbas, A. Baker, A. M. Wahab, A. O. Madar (skip).

Second Division Teams  
Football Club "A":  
F. P. Anslow, W. Kershaw, V. Walker and J. Russell (skip).  
R. P. Shaw, G. S. Graver, J. Beach and C. B. Robertson (skip).  
R. A. Trenrove, J. Dobson, G. E. Stephens and J. Rodger (skip).  
Football Club "B":  
J. Wells, T. R. Rowell, A. Humphreys and E. J. Edwards (skip).  
J. H. Gelling, F. H. Glover, A. McKellar and N. M. Currie (skip).  
C. W. H. Wilson, P. Morgan, E. S. Carter and J. A. R. Selby (skip).

Kowloon C.C.:  
W. Mulcahy, A. Nissim, V. C. Labrum and J. M. Jack (skip).  
L. Jack, W. Spary, H. Overy and L. E. Lammert (skip).  
M. N. Rakusen, W. W. Hirst, S. Houghton and T. W. Carr (skip).

Civil Service C.C.:  
H. F. Harper, J. R. Carr, H. F. Westlake and H. Westlake (skip).  
A. Stevens, W. R. Hillier, W. Burling and R. R. Davies (skip).  
M. Purvis, J. R. Pengelly, B. Williams and C. Strange (skip).

Police R.C.:  
S. Farlow, F. Kelly, G. S. Alexander and J. Biddell (skip).  
D. Fitches, L. Mist, S. Logan and W. L. Clarke (skip).



C. Pile, W. Greig, F. Channing and W. Glendenning (skip).

Kowloon B.C.C.:  
W. L. Walker, K. C. Hamilton, C. B. Hosking and H. H. Rose (skip).

F. A. Cheeseman, R. Read, J. Gill and G. E. F. Thompson (skip).  
A. K. Taylor, S. A. White, H. Nish and S. Drake (skip).

Craigengower:  
J. Pau, H. L. Fox, B. Whiteman, W. Ward (skip).  
D. K. Kharas, D. A. Rozario, W. Phelps, A. A. Lewis (skip).

Dr. N. P. Karanjia, E. McNay, A. E. S. Alves, H. V. Pearce (skip).  
Club de Recreio:  
F. A. Machado, J. M. S. Rozario, P. A. Yvanovich and C. A. Lopes (skip).

Dr. A. P. Gutierrez, C. R. Pereira, L. J. Silva and F. X. Soares (skip).

F. A. Xavier, H. A. Barros, C. H. Basto and H. Rozario (skip).  
H.K. Electric R.C.:  
V. Sorby, J. L. King, G. T. Padgett and A. F. Paul (skip).  
J. Barron, C. E. Gahagan, W. Stoker and W. H. Muskett (skip).

W. Orchard, G. G. S. Thomson, J. Sloan and S. Deacon (skip).  
Reserves—J. R. Way and T. P. Sanderson.

Fus. Talbot, above, is still one of the most dangerous inside forwards in the Colony and is almost a certainty for his second Inter-port soccer "cap" next season.



## JACK PETERSEN RETAINS HIS TWO TITLES

THE WORLD'S EYES  
ON BERLINPREPARATIONS FOR THE  
OLYMPIC GAMESTORCH CARRIERS TO LIGHT FIRE IN  
THE BERLIN STADIUM

IN about four months the Eleventh Olympic Games will be held in Berlin, all being well, and already the Germans are well forward with the costly task of providing the necessary buildings, playing fields and pools. The preparations are being carried out thoroughly, and include the erection of a special Olympic Village after the style of that which was such a great success at the last Olympic Games in California, U.S.A.

The Olympia Stadium is situated in the heart of the Reich Sports Grounds, which cover an area of 323 acres, and it has a running track 400 metres in length, a playing field and provision for the jumping and throwing events. Accommodation is being provided for 100,000 spectators.

Adjoining the athletics stadium, the swimming stadium has accommodation for 18,000 spectators. It has two pools, one 165ft. by 65ft. for swimming and one 65ft. by 65ft. for diving. The Deutschland Hall, with provision for 20,000 spectators, will be the scene of the indoor sports. The German regatta course in Grunau is being extended for rowing. The yachting races will be held in the Bay of Kiel.

Olympic Village, on the main road to Hamburg, and about nine miles from the Reich Sports Grounds, is being built by the German Army, and there it is intended that 3,500 competitors will live in 150 separate houses. A special sports ground, a practice hall and a swimming pool will be adjuncts to the village. The women competitors will be housed in a special home on the Reich Sports Grounds.

Foreigners will be granted a reduction of 60 per cent. on the railway fares, and up to 60 per cent. on the fares for circular tours of Germany, and accommodation is guaranteed for all visitors in Berlin.

Another Crisis  
The Fourth Olympic Winter Games will be held from February 6 to 16 at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany's most important winter sports centre, and the Eleventh Olympic Games at Berlin from August 1 to 16.

Just on 20 years ago the Sixth Olympic Games were to have been held in Berlin. Preparations were started by the Germans almost immediately after the Fifth Games at Stockholm, in 1912, and a new stadium was erected. Then came the war, and the Olympic Games were not held until 1920. It is a coincidence that, with the games again scheduled for Berlin, the world should be again faced with a crisis. The Games have never yet been held in Germany, and there are more difficulties in the way of a successful celebration next year than there appeared to be before the outbreak of hostilities that ended dreams of the 1916 Games.

So far as New Zealand is concerned no special effort has yet been made to arrange for a team to go to Berlin. It appears, that there will be the usual last minute scramble to do something, but the sports administrators in this country have yet to face squarely the question of whether or not it is better to go into the Olympic Games venture wholeheartedly and thoroughly, or to drop out altogether.

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A. S. Elias, above, is playing at the top of his form at the present moment and is in line for an Inter-port soccer cap next season.

SCHMELING OUT  
TO BEAT LOUIS  
BY K.O. ROUTEMANAGER FULL OF  
CONFIDENCE

TRAINING AT BAD SAAROW

New York, April 13.  
Max Schmeling, former heavyweight champion of the world, will arrive here next week, his manager, Joe Jacobs, announced today, and will immediately start training "to knock out Joe Louis."

Jacobs, puffing his customary black cigar, told newspaper men that Schmeling would begin heavy training at French Lick Springs, Ind., tapering off his activity at a camp near the site of the fight, and then "become the biggest thing in the heavyweight division by knocking out Joe Louis."

Jacobs said his protégé was in excellent condition. "He weighs about 192 lbs.," the manager added, "and is anxious to get into the ring against Louis in June."

The ex-champion has been training seriously at his estate in Bad Saarow, and, according to Jacobs, will be in the best shape of his career when he meets Louis.

Plans call for Schmeling to stay at French Lick Springs until May 9, and then move into an eastern camp, to be determined by the location of the fight. "We have not picked a second site yet," he said. "Because promoter Mike Jacobs hasn't yet decided where the fight will take place. He has had offers from New York, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia."

Optimism  
The manager was full of optimism and expressed not the slightest doubt that Schmeling would stage a comeback to regain heavyweight honours.

"On the basis of his last two fights," Jacobs said, "Max is a cinch to win. He knocked out Steve Hamas in Germany last March. And what have you heard from Steve since then? Nothing, because Max ruined him. Last July in Barcelona, Max beat Paulino Uzcudun badly, but the best he got from the local officials was a draw."

Jacobs was asked by newspaper men if he remembered that Joe Louis recently knocked out Uzcudun without any trouble. The manager replied, undaunted, "Sure. Schmeling softened him up."

GOSANO BROS. AND BELTRAO  
TO RETIRE?

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The Portuguese will not be certain of their lineup until just before the game, but it is anticipated that the team will be very much on the same lines as that which shared the points with Kowloon last Wednesday.

## Two Newcomers

South China "B" are making several changes, although only two newcomers to the team will be making their debuts, Yeung Chi-cheung, at left-half, and Ip Yun-po, on the right-wing.

Wong Wah-kai, the reserve custodian, will be between the sticks instead of Pau Ka-ping, who has left for Shanghai, while Cheung Chi-ying and Yuen Hing-yuen will be in support in front.

Lam Tak-po will once again occupy the pivotal position, but Henry Young has been transferred from left-half to inside-left, where he should make his presence felt.

Lai Shin-wing will support Ip Yun-po at inside-right, while Ho Ka-keung will lead the attack with Ng Po-kui on the left-wing.

McAVOY BEATEN  
ON POINTSDULL FIGHT AT THE  
EMPIRE STADIUM

## CROWD'S IRONICAL CLAPPING

London, To-day.

Jack Petersen retained his British and Empire heavyweight boxing championships last night when he beat Jack McAvoy, the British middleweight champion, on points in a 15-round bout at the Empire Stadium at Earl's Court.

A crowd of 10,000 saw the contest, but they were disappointed at the general lack of action, the fight developing into a battle of wits in which Petersen gained the decision by his continuous efforts to force the pace against a stocky opponent who adopted crouching tactics, bobbing and weaving in the American style. McAvoy showed a superb defence and made an elusive target; at times he completely baffled Petersen, who was guilty of bad timing, his blows continually landing on the back of McAvoy's head and causing warnings by the referee.

The fight was exciting in the early round when Petersen, who was very quick on his feet, piled up a number of points with a fine left, though he failed to get in any damaging uppercuts, right hooks or left hooks.

McAvoy, who fought a brainy battle, was seen to advantage in the in-fighting. The grueling early rounds, however, led to an extremely tame fight in the latter stages, both men being guilty of holding, so much so that the referee had to warn them to "make a fight of it," while the crowd, which was restive, clapped ironically and booed at the lack of action.

## McAVOY FLOORED

McAvoy was the chief offender, but he came out of his shell in the twelfth round when he darted in with some stinging and lightning-like left hooks which shook Petersen, but the latter staged a thrilling finish and the crowd were on their toes when he knocked McAvoy down for a count of eight with a right upper-cut and then proceeded to plaster his man with rights and lefts. His opponents, however, though dazed, showed fine generalship by frustrating Petersen's efforts to secure a knock-out.

An earlier cable gave the respective weights of Petersen, who started favourite, and McAvoy as 13st. 2lbs. and 12st. 3lbs. respectively. The former received \$4,500 for the fight and McAvoy \$4,000.—Reuter.

BIG DISAPPOINTMENT  
The attempt by McAvoy on big honours, at home and in America, has been the outstanding feature of British boxing this year. Though he lost his bout, on points, to John Henry Lewis, the world light-heavyweight champion, many people at the ringside considered a knock-out.

McAvoy's defeat must have come as a great disappointment to the many who saw him in America. So good an impression did he create while in that country that Jimmy Johnston, the Madison Square Garden promoter, actually named him as the leading contender for a world heavyweight title bout with James Braddock, the holder, in the summer!

## WELTERWEIGHT TITLE

London, To-day.—Dave McCleave, London, beat Chuck Parker of Barnsley on points in their fifteen round contest for the British welterweight championship last night.—Reuter.

U.S. BASEBALL  
RESULTS

Browns Trounced By Tigers

PLAYER BREAKS LEG

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of the major league baseball matches played yesterday:—  
National League

Team	R	H	E
St. Louis	6	15	2
Cincinnati	8	12	2
Myers and Goodman hit home runs. Game went to 10 innings.			

Team	R	H	E
Philadelphia	5	9	1
Norris and Watkins hit home runs.			
Boston	3	6	1

Team	R	H	E
Pittsburgh	1	6	1
Chicago	2	9	1

Team	R	H	E
New York	3	8	1
Melvin Ott hit a home run.			
Brooklyn	4	12	0

Team	R	H	E
Ten innings were played and Randymore broke his right leg in the second innings while trying to steal to second base.			
American League			
Chicago	0	7	1

Team	R	H	E
Van Allen pitched.			
Cleveland	6	1	0

Team	R	H	E
Boston	1	3	3
Fox hit a home run.			
Philadelphia	9	10	1

Team	R	H	E
Detroit	10	15	0
St. Louis	0	6	1
Auker pitched.			
Washington	6	12	1

Team	R	H	E
Kuhel hit a home run.			
New York	10	9	1
Walker and Selkirk hit home runs.—Reuter.			





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### Abyssinia—And After?

Various reasons, or excuses, have been put forward for Italy's attack upon Abyssinia and the wholesale butchery of her populace. The frontier incident at Ual Ual was the first "reason" given; but a poor excuse, they say, is better than none.

It was very obvious that such an attack on an Italian post by desert tribesmen, owning no allegiance to Haile Selassie, and quite beyond his control, should never have been made a *casus belli*. Britain does not hold the Amir of Afghanistan responsible for the raids and uprisings of the fierce hill-tribes upon the North-west Frontier of India, or make similar occurrences on the Kenya border an excuse for an attack upon Abyssinia. Yet when fifty-two member States of the League of Nations had declared, without reservation, Italy's attack upon Abyssinia unjustified and had determined to apply the "Sanctions" provided for in Article XVI of the Covenant, we find a man of the mental calibre of Marchese Marconi plaintively declaring that "Italy's only crime is an endeavour to protect her scanty and dearly-won colonies."

Another excuse put forward in justification for Italy's action is that slavery existed in Abyssinia and that she was performing a sacred duty in ridding the land of this curse and introducing the blessings of Italy's own brand of Christianity. Mussolini himself gave one, if not the principal, reason when, in what was perhaps an unguarded moment, he stressed Italy's need for expansion, which seemingly, in his eyes, turns a wrong into a right and justifies any barbarous act of inhumanity in the attainment of his object.

But perhaps the real reason is one which Mussolini dare not avow, but which certain of his countrymen, who have slipped the muzzle of Fascism and escaped abroad, are not afraid to suggest—that there is a rising tide of dissatisfaction and resentment against the Duce's iron-handed regime and that the Abyssinian adventure has been embarked upon in order to divert the minds of Italians from dwelling upon their grievances at home. It is an old trick, and may serve its purpose for a while. But, as Abraham Lincoln said, you can't fool all the people all the time.

The Bible tells us that no king goes to war unless he has considered the cost thereof. But Mussolini is above the king and apparently has not counted the cost. The war is not over yet, though it looks as if Abyssinia will soon be at the mercy of Italy. The latest cables bring news that the Emperor's troops are still able to fight back and inflict heavy losses in men and material on their aggressors; it has not been the easy walk-over that the new Caesar imagined. It has cost Italy sums that will impoverish her for a generation to come; and the end is not yet.

And what of the prize itself? As now appears probable, Abyssinia should fall completely into Italian hands. It will already spent upon the campaign that will bring with it disillusionment for the Italian people. The fertile agricultural region of Tigre, already occupied by a peasantry that has a claim upon Italy's gratitude, can never prove an out-

### BUSY BEES' PARTY TO FOUNDER

Farewell Tea To Lady Southorn

PRESENTATION OF IVORY STATUETTE

Over 30 members of the Busy Bees' Working Party gathered with their President, Mrs. W. J. Carrie, at St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon at the farewell tea-party to Lady Southorn, their founder.

Mrs. Carrie, after speaking in glowing terms of the great work that Lady Southorn had done for charity during her stay in the Colony, presented her with a beautiful Chinese ivory statuette.

#### Members Present

In addition to the President there were present Mesdames B. Maughan (Secretary), L. H. King, R.A.C. North, R.A.D. Forrest, D. Davies (Committee), Angus, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Longbottom, T. Bolt, W. Smith, F. A. Hopkins, H. F. Westlake, G. T. Padgett, H. May, Raven, Wattie, A. White, Westlake, S. Deacon, Wattmore, H. Strange, R.H.E. Marks, Budden, H. H. Peck, A. T. Hamilton, Starling, Petherick Hynes and the Misses M. Cooper, Buckwell and C. Angus.

### WEDDING AT THE REGISTRY

Neill—Eckert

The wedding took place at the Registry this morning of Mr. Francis John Neill, of Mr. European Y.M.C.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Neill, and Miss Erna Eckert, daughter of the late Mr. Ernest Albert Walter Eckert.

Mr. M. J. Abbott officiated. The witnesses were Mrs. G. M. Sclater and Mr. E. F. Selk, and after the ceremony at the Registry a reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel, when friends of the couple gathered to offer their felicitations. The honeymoon is being spent at Cheung Chau.

### EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Giant Baby

WEIGHT 142 pounds at the age of 3. That's the record of "Baby" Leslie Bowles of Lowestoft, England. Recent body measurements for Leslie are—49 inches around the waist, 45 inches around the chest, and 3 feet, 3 inches tall.

Strangely enough, Leslie's two brothers are both normal in every way, and his parents are actually slightly under-weight. Until the summer of 1935, Leslie was unable to walk, but crawled about actively. He is very forward intellectually, having the mind of a child twice his age, is contented and happy, and greets his visitors at the Pleasure Park, Ramsgate, with a happy smile and breezy conversation.

#### MORE NEGOTIATIONS

Paris, to-day.—The Foreign Minister, M. Flandin, had a long talk with the chairman of the Committee of Thirteen, Senor de Madariaga, yesterday afternoon after having previously conferred with the Soviet Ambassador, M. Potemkin. It is understood that the conversations turned on the subject of the preparations to be made for the forthcoming Geneva negotiations.—Trans-Ocean Service.

let for her surplus population. The rest of the country, with its reputedly vast, but unknown, mineral wealth, is entirely undeveloped and will require for its development more millions by far than Italy has already spent upon the campaign. There is a bitter disappointment in store for Italy; and, when the Italian people, after the tumult and the shouting dies, discover that their idol has feet of clay, what of Mussolini?

### Here There and Everywhere.

TRY AGAIN HASTINGS

Even if Sir Patrick Hastings is not to make immediate use of the knowledge he acquired for the South African advocates' admission examination, it is some consolation that he has now conquered an obstacle which at first defeated him.

As a general rule, an English barrister would meet with no difficulty if he wished to conduct a case in one of the Dominions. The local Bar Association would accept him as a member without making him pass examinations. But in South Africa Roman-Dutch law—an optional subject in law examinations in England—is in force.

#### CODE NAPOLEON IN QUEBEC

In Quebec, too, French civil law applies. A London barrister would probably have to show satisfactory knowledge of the Code Napoleon—as adapted for Quebec when that province had been for some decade. British—if he wished to plead a civil suit there.

It is distinctly unusual, however, for English barristers to wish to take briefs in other parts of the Empire. Sometimes they wish in vain.

Some years ago Mr. F. T. Barrington-Ward, the present Metropolitan magistrate, went to Trinidad to take a very big brief. The local Bar were not completely amendable. Mr. Barrington-Ward returned to London without having appeared in court.

#### Your Daily Smile!

GARRULOUS

Then there was the woman whose husband was struck dumb—but it took her a week to find out.

K.O'd

The referee's wife who complained that her husband ill-treated her when he was drunk. Beaten on pints, so to speak.

Atishoo

These cures for colds are consistent, anyway; apparently it isn't a cold and it isn't caused by a chill and they don't cure it.

Guide to Good Manners (No. 1)

Q: Is it proper when shaking hands to hold the hand high?  
A: Yes, if it is done to guard the chin in case the other person takes swing at it.

## BRITAIN'S PRIDE IN "QUEEN MARY" GREATEST LINER IN THE WORLD

TRIUMPH AFTER SOME YEARS OF ANXIOUS PLANNING

(By Hector C. Bywater)

WHEN the R.M.S. Queen Mary left her birthplace at Clydebank on March 24 and passed down the river to Greenock on the first stage of her voyage to the open sea, the cheers from the multitudes on either bank of the Clyde voiced the sentiments of the entire British peoples.

No ship has ever before started her career on such a flowing tide of good will.

The Queen Mary is something more than a splendid ship, the noblest example of marine architecture the world has yet produced. She is the symbol of a nation's resolve to maintain the heritage of a thousand years, that sea supremacy which is exemplified no less truly by the peaceful merchantman than the ship of war.

For Britain, indeed, more than for any other State, mercantile shipping is the touchstone of national welfare and security. It is, perhaps, the sub-conscious realization of this truth that accounts for the unexampled interest which the building of the Queen Mary has aroused, not merely in the United Kingdom, but all over the Empire.

#### To Win Back Riband

Though her owners and her builders disclaim any such idea, the public sees in this ship Britain's reply to the foreign rivalry which have momentarily wrested from us the blue riband of the Atlantic. For the greater part of the nineteenth century this trophy remained in our possession. Captured for a time by Germany's ocean greyhounds, it was regained in 1907 by the twin Cunarders *Mauretania* and *Lusitania*, to be held for no less than 22 years by the first-named ship.

Then, in 1929, Germany again won the blue riband with that splendid pair of express liners, *Bremen* and *Europa*, only to lose it a few years later to the Italian *Rex*, which last year had in turn yielded the trophy to the French *Normandie*.

It was unthinkable, in view of her traditions, that Britain should hold aloof from this thrilling ocean speed race. Considerations weightier than mere prestige

urged us to accept the challenge. The history of the Atlantic ferry for nearly 100 years has proved that the fastest ship invariably attracts the cream of the traffic. Consequently great speed, combined with a high standard of safety and comfort, is a sound commercial proposition.

**Passengers Attracted**  
A record-breaker attracts passengers not only to itself, but to other ships of the same line, and indirectly but definitely benefits the whole mercantile fleet of the nation whose colours she flies.

This truth was so well recognized that but for insuperable economic difficulties the Queen Mary, or a similar ship, would certainly have been built 10 years ago. As it was, the Cunard directors, with commendable courage, caused the Queen Mary to be laid down in 1930, in the midst of the worst era of trade depression the country had suffered for 80 years. Unfortunately, circumstances proved too strong for them, and 12 months after the laying of the keel they found it necessary to stop all work on the ship.

Despite the notorious fact that, whereas the huge foreign express liners then in service or under construction had been built largely from State funds, the Queen Mary up to this point was a purely private venture, the country was bitterly disappointed at the suspension of work. It seemed as if the Red Ensign had been lowered for the first time in its history. Negotiations were at once opened with a view to obtaining Government assistance, but not until two years later was an agreement reached on mutually satisfactory terms.

**Shipping Lines Merged**  
This involved the merging of the Cunard and White Star lines to obviate inter-British competition, and the granting of a substantial Government loan for completing the Queen Mary, and eventually building a sister ship. Work was re-started in April, 1934, and proceeded so vigorously that in five months the ship was ready to go afloat. On Sept. 26, 1934, she was launched and named weightier than mere prestige

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### "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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SUNDAY

AT THE  
KING'SERROL FLYNN IDEAL HERO  
OF "CAPTAIN BLOOD""DRAKE OF ENGLAND" THE FINEST  
BRITISH FILM YET SHOWN"LAST DAYS OF POMPEII" GREAT SPECTACULAR  
DRAMA VIVIDLY PORTRAYED

By Diane

A VIGOROUS and colourful tale of slavery, romance and piracy in the Caribbean is told in "Captain Blood." This marks the debut, in a starring role, of Irish Errol Flynn, descendant of Fletcher Christian of the "Bounty" and brings to the screen another leading man who is likely to share in popularity with Clark Gable. Gary Cooper and a few others.

Most of us know the Sabatini story which tells of a young Irish surgeon who is wrongly accused of complicity in the rebellion against James II of England, sent to the West Indies to be sold into slavery and bought by the pretty heroine out of pique. An uprising of the slaves puts Peter Blood in command of a pirate ship, the French are driven from the Caribbean, he is pardoned and becomes Governor of the Island where he had been in bondage. It is unnecessary to tell that pretty Arabella (Olivia de Havilland) becomes his bride. The value of this picture lies in the brisk movement and the truly amazing scenes of sea battles, which are so realistically staged and ably directed by Michael Curtiz.

Errol Flynn is the personification of the dashing hero—stallion, handsome and magnetic and the lucky possessor of a cultured speaking voice. If one can judge by this picture Mr. Flynn has a big future in Hollywood. Miss de Havilland makes a lovely and charming heroine, although the over-elaborate gowns seem out of place in certain instances. For instance it seems hardly credible that a young girl would appear in the West Indies slave market wearing a pastel satin gown at noon time. Apart from this blatant mistake in dress the picture has few faults and is definitely worth anyone's money, for it is great stuff and should share with the ever-memorable "Sea Hawks" and that epic of 1935, "Mutiny on the Bounty," for box-office appeal. Basil Rathbone is known as one of the finest swordsmen in the film colony and is most convincing in his big scene with Errol Flynn.

The support is excellent and Lionel Atwill, Ross Alexander, Guy Kibbee, Henry Stephenson, Robert Barrett, Donald Meek, Jessie Ralph, Forrester Harvey (the comic relief) Vernon Steele, Leonard Mudie and others share with Errol Flynn in making this the biggest picture Warners have given us this year. Michael Curtiz earns applause for his skill in keeping the story moving vigorously and, as is usual with pictures like this, the cameramen deserve the highest praise. Warners went to great lengths to make this a super picture and they have succeeded in bringing another smash-hit to the screen. For grand excitement and adventure don't miss this. (Queen's).

"Annie Oakley"  
This is the story of the famous backwoods girl who made a great name as a crack rifle-shot and was a headliner with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in the early nineties. Barbara Stanwyck plays to

perfection the dead-eye lass who can outshoot "World's Champion Sharpshooter" (Preston Foster) any day, but who loses her heart to him.

This is grand old-fashioned melodrama filled with colour and excitement. George Stevens, Hollywood's youngest director, who recently won such praise with "Alice Adams," is in charge of affairs. He has given that much-loved star Barbara Stanwyck her best chance in years and she receives super support from Preston Foster, Melvyn Douglas, Moroni Olsen, Andy Clyde, Chief Thunder Bird and Pert Kelton, with a crowd of cowboys who contribute in no small fashion to the enjoyment.

It is not generally known that the perforated tickets now used in the show business were once called "Annie Oakleys." This picture of her spectacular life and love in the Wild West Show sup-

A ROBUST historical romance of Elizabethan England with plenty of action and a strong patriotic appeal is "Drake of England." The story opens with Drake's departure from Plymouth in 1567 on that famous voyage that made him the hated enemy of the Spaniards. The film follows the main facts of Drake's career very closely and, as a study of the England of that time, Louis N. Parker's play is unusually interesting.

Arthur Woods directed this B.I.P. and Matheson Lang, with his commanding presence and dramatic delivery, makes a glamorous figure of "Drake." Athene Seyler gives one of her best performances as the Virgin Queen. Her lines, it is claimed, are based on authentic sayings of the Queen. Small parts are played effectively by Ben Webster, Sam Livesey, Charles Quartermaine (who also played in the stage version) Jane Baxter, Henry Morrison, Alan Jeayes, and crowds of others too numerous to mention. The musical effects deserve special praise.

This film, with its sea battles, stately pageantry at Windsor and Hampton Court, plus a strong dramatic story, which ably expresses the spirit of romantic Elizabethan England, should prove to be stirring popular entertainment. (Alhambra).

## "The Last Days Of Pompeii"

This picture most of all shows how realistically the destruction of Pompeii and the panic of its inhabitants can be recreated on the screen. Most filmgoers go expecting to see Bulwer-Lytton's great novel, but this is a story of a hero blacksmith (Preston Foster) who loses his wife and child because he is poor, and decides to make money his goal. His adopted son is a Christian and repudiates his father's teachings. There is a love romance running through, with Dorothy Wilson as the Christian girl.

The newcomer John Wood is likeable as the son when grown-up, while David Holt takes the role as the boy. Preston Foster, Louis Calhern, Basil Rathbone, Frank Conroy, Wyrley Birch, Murray Kinnell and many more do splendid work, but it is as a spectacle that this picture can be recommended. The sets are gorgeous and the scenes of the actual destruction of the city are breathtaking in their reality. As dramatic fare it is well above the average, although the cameramen and the technical department are the real stars of the picture. Not to be missed if you favour this type of picture. (King's).

## "Last Of The Pagans"

The King's offer a most popular programme with "Last of the Pagans," a most amusing "Short," "Live Ghosts," with the great comedians Laurel and Hardy doing their stuff, and the new M.G.M. "Andioscopika." Provided you do not throw away the little two-coloured glasses handed to you in the theatre, you will see the length, depth and breadth of the object on the screen. At least it is a novelty and M.G.M. claim they have given something marvellous to the screen.

"Last of the Pagans" was "shot" in the ideal surroundings of the South Seas. Mala, whose screen work in "Eakimo" will not soon be forgotten, again contributes a splendid characterisation as the Tahitian native. With him on location from Hollywood went Lotus Long, but the rest of the cast in the Johnny Farrow story were chosen from the natives, sailors and traders who live on the islands. Here is passion, romance, treachery and adventure with a vengeance, and for those who favour this type of film nothing better has been seen here. (King's).

## "Desire"

Here is the of the most sophisticated films seen in a long while. Mariene Dietrich scoring one of (Continued on Page 12)

## Short Shots

BRIAN AHEARNE, who scored such a hit in the Joan Crawford vehicle "I Live My Life" has returned to his real love, the stage, after finishing "Sylvia Scarlett" with Katharine Hepburn. He is now on Broadway with the greatest of all American actresses, Katherine Cornell, in her presentation of "Joan of Arc." It was with this great artist that he played "Mercutio" in "Romeo and Juliet" and most of us wish he had been given the role in the screen version.

For so long Joan Crawford had been scheduled to act the leading role in "The Garden of Allah." Now it is to be the next for Merle Oberon and will most likely be filmed in the new technicolour. No cast chosen as yet.

Clarence Brown will direct Joan Crawford and Clark Gable in "A Lady Comes to Town" which she will do before "Parnell."

Warners are planning to make a repeat of "The Jazz Singer" to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Talkies. Al Jolson will of course play the lead.

Loretta Young will have Robert Taylor, Patsy Kelly and Basil Rathbone in her next picture, "Private Number."

Mark Sandrich, who has made such a hit of musicals (he is the man behind the Rogers-Astaire films), will direct Katharine Hepburn in "Mary of Scotland."

Clarice Mayne, who will be remembered in the English music halls appearing with her husband as "This and That," and whose best song-memory is "Broken Doll," the wartime hit, is taking a try at the talkies, and will be leading lady in the new Max Miller comedy for Warners' British studio.

William Wyler—recently divorced from Margaret Sullivan—has made such a success of the Sam Goldwyn



Arline Judge is in "Here Comes Trouble," which is coming to the King's Theatre soon.

picture "These Three" (starring Miriam Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Joel McCrea) that he has received a contract with Goldwyn, and his next job will be "Dodsworth," with Walter Huston and Ruth Chatterton in the leading roles. Huston recently finished "Rhodes of Africa" for a British studio. He played "Dodsworth" for over a year on Broadway.

Robert Armstrong has married Gladys du Bois, a song writer. This is his second venture.

Another popular actress marries a doctor. Mae Clark recently became the wife of Dr. Frank Nolan. Mrs. Don Alvarado, former wife of the Mexican actor, has married one of the famous Warner Brothers, Katherine Carver, who was once Mrs. Adolphe Menjou, has married a New York broker.

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Jane Withers and Jackie Searl are in "Gentle Julia," which will be shown at the Alhambra Theatre on Sunday.



A scene from the EKO production, "The Last Days of Pompeii," which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Sunday.



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SUNDAY AT THE

**ALHAMBRA**

Olivia de Havilland is in the Warner Bros. production, "Captain Blood," which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.







## LADIES' NIGHT AT Y.M.C.A.

Fine Programme Winds  
Up Season

### ANNE WINTER'S TRIUMPH

The last of the season's "Ladies' Nights" was held by the European Y.M.C.A. last night, and proved to be an unqualified success, a large number of diners later witnessing one of the best concerts of the year.

The Social Committee are to be congratulated on the excellence of the programme, the outstanding items on which were vocal selections by Anne Winter, star of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, who was accompanied by Mr. A. Jeffrey at the piano, and Mr. "Gus" G. F. D'Aquino, the popular tenor, whose rendering of "Mifanwy" brought forth repeated encores.

Mr. D'Aquino had just recovered from a serious operation for appendicitis, but his singing was just as delightful as before. His piano accompanist was Professor Gualdi.

Among the other outstanding items was Miss Stella Best's performance of the "Doll Dance," arranged by Mr. George Goncharoff, who was also responsible for three other delightful items on the programme.

Another feature of the programme was the first appearance at Ladies' Nights of Pamela Anne and Diane Dodwell, whose tap-dancing number "No Strings" proved a "riot." For amateurs they were excellent, and great credit is again due to Mr. George Goncharoff, who arranged the number.

A bright item was the "Tango Exotic" in which Audrey Steele, Eve O'Hagen and Noreen Cooper were featured. Dancing to the accompaniment of an orchestra consisting of a guitar, an accordion and a banjo, played by Messrs. D. J. Noor, James Ferguson and Jack Grenham, the spectacle was a pleasing one until the number broke into a jazz step, which gave it a jarring effect.

A Military Burlesque (with apologies to H.M. Bateman) in which Messrs. W. A. Simpson, J. C. M. Grenham, D. J. Noor and J. C. Ferguson were featured, opened the programme, and had the desired effect of getting the large audience in a good humour.

Among others who rendered items were Peggy Scotcher, who danced "Valse Esmeralda," arranged by George Goncharoff, Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L., who rendered several well received pianoforte solos, and Miss Winifred Lawson, Soprano, who sang four songs accompanied by Mr. H. J. Fountain, at the piano.

It was altogether a most enjoyable evening.

## CHEST SOAKED IN OIL

Vestments Ablaze In  
Church

Oxford.

A smell of burning noticed in the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, led to the discovery that surplices and vestments were ablaze in a chest under the pulpit, where they were kept.

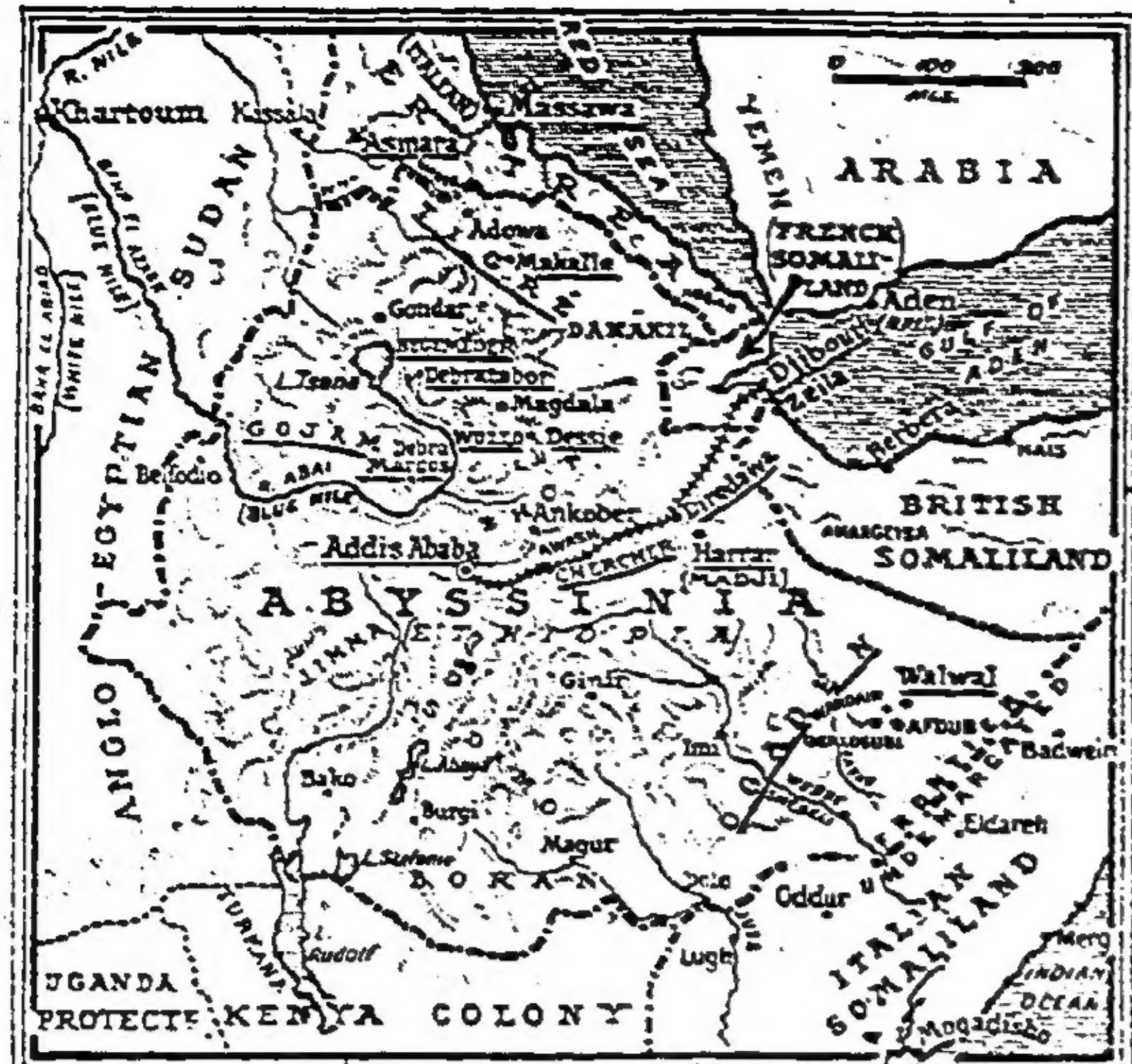
When the vicar, the Rev. T. G. Jalland, and Mr. W. J. Burt, a theological student, had put out the flames, they found that the contents of the chest had been soaked in oil. The wick and oil were missing from a lamp hanging in the church.

Mr. Jalland had been in the church less than 45 minutes before the discovery, and states that everything was then all right.

## ST. JOHN BRIGADE

Further Donations  
Acknowledged

The Director of Ambulance has the honour to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks the following donations:—  
Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster ..... £25  
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The H. Service Men ..... \$10



The above map clearly shows the war area in Abyssinia, where the Italian advance on the capital is proceeding, though apparently held up by rain and the intense efforts of the Abyssinians to destroy the road approaches to the capital from Dessie. A stalemate after four days' fighting is reported from North Danakil.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Among the passengers who disembarked this morning from the R.M.S. Empress of Japan was the Rev. Sister Marie de Sacre Coeur, who is a Superior General of the Order of "Our Lady of the Angels," Montreal, and who is in charge of a party of four Missionary Sisters who will take up duties in China.

Mr. Gordon Dodwell, General Manager of Dodwell and Co. Ltd., Shanghai, accompanied by Mrs. Dodwell, arrived in the Colony this morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan from the North.

Mr. A. Brearley, Hong Kong Manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, accompanied by Miss Joan Brearley, arrived in the Colony this morning from the North by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan.

Mr. L. Paulson, General Manager for China of the Fox Film Corporation, accompanied by Mrs. Paulson, was also an arrival in the Colony this morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan, from Shanghai.

Mr. Richard Sanger, an attorney of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., Hong Kong, returned to the Colony this morning from leave by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan.

Mr. J. E. Perkins, General Manager of Paramount Films of China, Inc. was also an arrival in the Colony this morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan.

Mr. J. B. Ingle, Manager for the Far East of the Goodyear Tyre Company, accompanied by his wife and family, arrived in the Colony this morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan en route to Sumatra.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony this morning by the s.s. President Grant from Manila was Miss J. Pestonjee.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.09 inch. The total since January has been 4.98 inches, against an average of 10.04 inches.

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY

CELEBRATIONS IN  
LONDON

London, To-day.

The members of the Order of St. Michael and St. George celebrated St. George's Day yesterday with a service at St. Paul's Cathedral, which His Majesty the King, who is the Sovereign of the Order, attended.

Lord Allenby, on behalf of the Royal St. George's Society, laid a wreath at the Cenotaph, while Sir Roger Keyes also laid a wreath in memory of those who died at the landing at Zeebrugge, which took place on St. George's Day, 1916.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

London: H.R.H. the Duke of Kent attended yesterday the annual service of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in St. Paul's Cathedral when, with impressive ceremonial, his banner was affixed to the chapel of the Order.—British Wireless Service.

Among the passengers who arrived from the North by the s.s. President Wilson this morning were Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Anthony, Miss Eleanor A. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gavin, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Maling, Miss E. Mende, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Sharman, Mr. T. V. S. Skinner and Mr. A. F. Wendland.

A reminder is given that the mah jong and bridge afternoon at the Matched Church, Shamshipo, will be held to-morrow, commencing at 3 p.m. Mrs. Bartholomew has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

Two cases of typhoid fever and two cases of meningitis were reported as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on Wednesday last.

The Director of Ambulance has the honour to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks a donation of \$60 from European Staff of the China Light and Power Co., per Mr. D. W. Munton.

The latest time for posting correspondence in London for the weekly direct air mail service to Hong Kong is 10.45 a.m. on Saturdays at the Head Post Office, London E.C.1.

The Bridge and Mah Jongg Drive in aid of the St. John's Cathedral Organ Fund will take place on Monday, April 27, at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, at 3 p.m. The price of admission will be \$1.50, including tea. Prizes will be given.

A lecture on "French Law and Lawyers" was given by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, B.A., LL.B., in the Union Assembly Room of Hong Kong University last night, under the auspices of the Law and Commerce Society. The address dealt with the French law as derived from the Code Napoleon and representing one of the two chief juristic systems practised all over the world to-day.

Mr. R. H. Wild, well-known resident of the Colony and Manager of the local branch of the South British Insurance Co., Ltd., who proceeded on leave by the Empress of Canada on April 3, was operated on, on board, for acute peritonitis, and was landed at the Queen's Hospital, Honolulu. The latest report received through the C.P.R. indicates that Mr. Wild is not yet out of danger.

The usual fortnightly whist drive will be held in the Reading Room at Kowloon Dock on Tuesday next at 8.45 p.m. Admission:—50 cents. Refreshments will be served and whist will be followed by Tombola. The Committee extends a cordial invitation to the general public.

Phaiwan Khan, a motor driver, was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for using abusive language to So Mui, a baby smah, at No. 54, The Peak yesterday, and was bound over in a bond of \$50.

The body of Ashi Singh, a private watchman at the Kowloon Lumber Co., was removed to the Public Mortuary yesterday. He was found dead in his quarters, apparently from natural causes.

To-day's Complete Short Story

## The Scottish Express Tragedy

WELL, good-bye, Hawke. Take care of yourself. You've done so much damage to that ring of dope-smugglers that I can't help fearing they'll be out after you."

"Nothing to fear on a London train, Baxter," laughed back the tall man who stood in the doorway of the Pullman car. "I'm pretty sure that the gang has some sort of headquarters up in Leeds. I'll either get them or they'll get me!"

Dixon Hawke's face became stern as he finished speaking. For over a month he had been helping his friends at Scotland Yard to fight one of the most dangerous dope-gangs in existence. The vile trade of the criminals had filled the psychopathic wards throughout the country.

Thanks to the Dover Street detective the organisation was now broken. Like cornered rats the crooks were fighting, and already two detectives had been killed by them.

The constant necessity of being on his guard had rather tried Hawke's nerves, and he was grateful for the fact that he had three hours of peace on the run north.

Having shaken hands with the detective-inspector, he made his way into the beautifully fitted-up Pullman car. The train was a famous luxury flier which leaves London every weekday.

Hawke had booked a seat at one of the small tables. The other three passengers who sat at the same table were already in their places. A quick glance satisfied the detective that they were busy.

## BONDHOLDERS' WINDFALL

How \$4,000,000 Was  
Secured

SHARES PLEDGED BY  
DEAD FINANCIER

The windfall of \$4,000,000 for debenture holders of Kreuger and Toll, was secured as a result of the vigilance of the committee formed to protect holders.

As a result of the colossal frauds of Ivar Kreuger, who shot himself in Paris four years ago, investors in the Kreuger group lost more than \$100,000,000.

The report of the Committee, issued last month, discloses that in the group there were some 160 affiliated companies.

Exhaustive Reports  
The committee had exhaustive reports, comprising 57 volumes, by Price, Waterhouse and Co., the London chartered accountants, analysing the books of the Kreuger companies "as fraudulently maintained over a period of many years."

They showed inter-company transactions involving many hundreds of millions of dollars. Little, if anything, was expected to be realised from the assets. Now, however, about \$4,000,000 is held by the Swedish and American bankruptcy trustees.

This has been realised as a result of the sale of Kreuger and Toll's holding of about 93 per cent of the capital stock of the Boliden Gold Mining Company.

Valuable Holdings  
This company owned valuable gold producing properties in Northern Sweden. Some months before Kreuger's suicide the Boliden shares were pledged by Kreuger as security to his own personal indebtedness.

As part of the same transaction, Kreuger and Toll were relieved of approximately \$2,800,000 of liabilities in respect of these shares. The Kreuger and Toll liquidators disputed the validity of this pledge, and claimed ownership of the shares. While litigation was pending, the person to whom they were pledged began to foreclose.

As a result of the vigorous intervention of the committee, supported by other protective organizations, a settlement was reached under which the Kreuger and Toll bankrupt estate received \$496,000 in cash and \$600,000 in bonds.

In addition it was relieved of a claim against the estate of more than \$2,000,000.

## MIDDLESEX RATE INCREASE

A rate increase of 10d was recommended to the Middlesex County Council by its Finance Committee last month.

ness men going to the North Country and Scotland.

The man by his side was plump and fussy. With angry snorts he folded and re-folded his copy of a morning newspaper, perusing the day's news with apparent misgivings and anger.

The magnificent train slid gently out of the station, and, rapidly working up to a high speed, flashed up into the Midlands on its run north. In the Pullman cars the attendants moved here and there, supplying the requirements of the passengers.

A pleasant hour passed and then the tables were set for lunch. Hawke was amused by his fussy companion. Like most untravelled Englishmen the passenger seemed to be in constant fear that somebody would talk to him. Every time Hawke happened to glance out of the window he was met by a glare.

After the meal was over he lit his pipe and settled back to think over the case. There were several points to be puzzled out before he got to his destination.

A rasping cough came from the fussy passenger. Hawke turned to look at him. Smoke from his pipe was being drawn by the ventilator so that it swirled near his companion's face.

"I am very sorry," the detective said politely.

"I can't stand smoke, sir!" the man snorted. "Would you have the kindness to change places with me? Then I shan't be troubled by your confounded pipe."

Hawke nodded curtly in agreement. He had no desire to get into an argument with such a surly person. The change of seats was made, and he again settled back to do some deep thinking.

The train plunged into a tunnel, and there was complete darkness. Then the lights shot up, flickered, and faded out again. A fuse had blown, and the coaches connected to that particular cable were without lights.

"Ridiculous!" muttered the passenger at Hawke's elbow. "I shall write to the railway company—"

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's play will be  
"The Dwarf," by Marcel  
Ayme.

He stopped and gave a curious choking sound which Hawke thought was a cough. Apparently some draught had blown the smoke from his pipe into the man's face again. Hawke smiled in the darkness.

Lights began to flicker on the sides of the tunnel. Then with a roar the luxury flier was out in the open, rushing along between two high banks. Hawke glanced at his companion.

The man was huddled back in his seat. His mouth was open and the eyes bulged in an unnatural manner. Down his white shirt-front ran an ugly trickle of red.

"Jove!" the detective gasped. As the other two passengers at the table jumped up with cries of horror, Hawke took the man by the arm. At his touch the limp body pitched forward across the table.

At the junction of the neck and shoulder, on the left side, was a patch of blood. The crimson liquid still welled up slowly, but it was fast stopping. Hawke looked at his two companions, who were both typical business men.

"Dead!" he said quietly.

"Stabbed!" the detective gasped. Pandemonium broke out amongst the other passengers. Here and there a woman shrieked and fainted. People from the cars behind and in front of the Pullman crowded in and were driven out by the attendants.

The guard, who had been hastily summoned, pushed his way to the table where the attendants had formed a ring and were keeping the excited passengers back.

"What's happened?" the official asked briskly.

He was an intelligent-looking man who, Hawke judged, had at one time been in the army. The guard's cool voice and commanding manner checked the threatening panic.

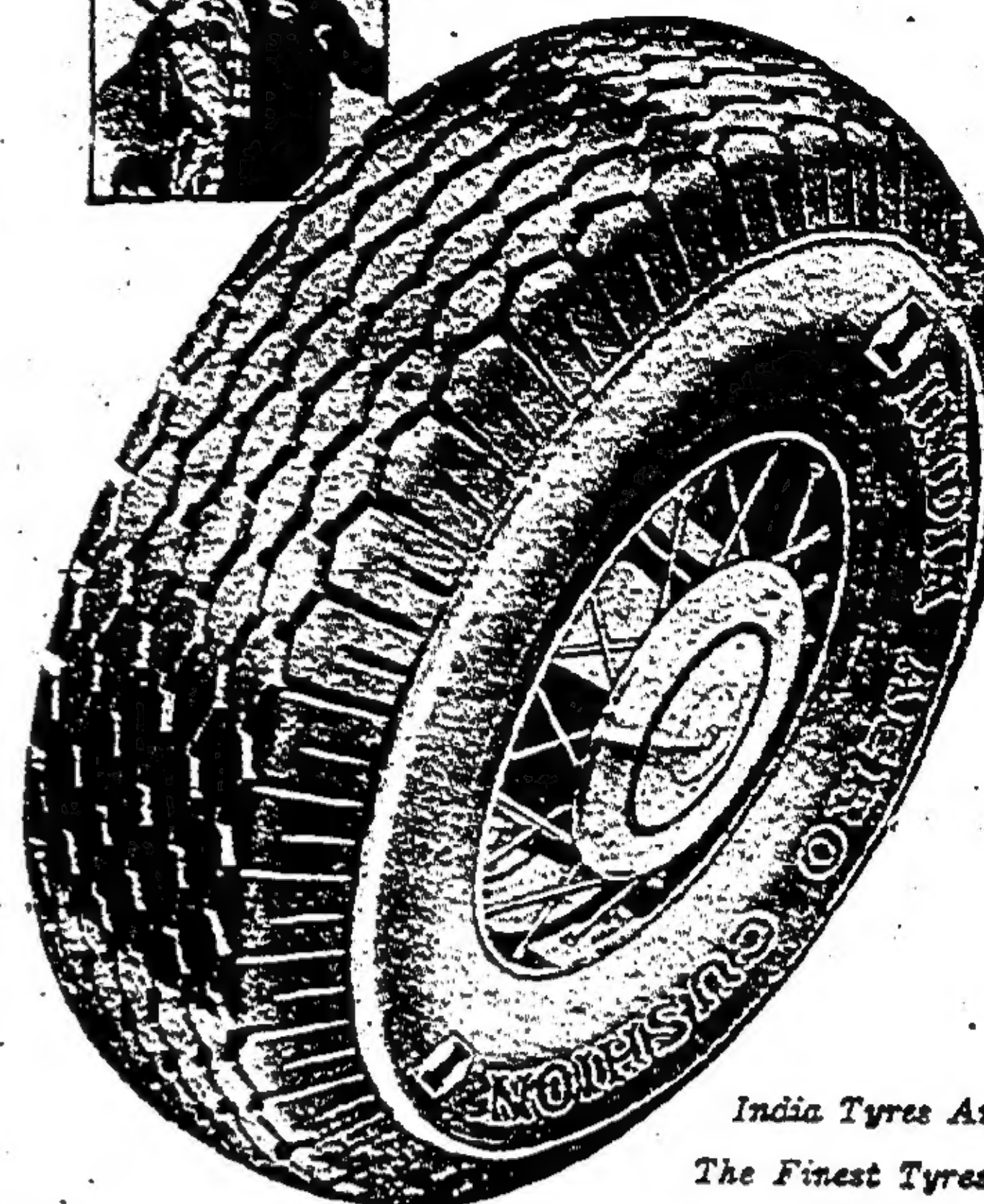
Having examined the body he looked at Hawke. There was suspicion in his eyes. The detective took a card from his case and passed it over.

"You'd better leave this business in my hands," he said. "How long is it before the train stops?"

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## I N D I A

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## ITALIANS STILL ADVANCE

Stubborn Resistance By Abyssinians

### CAVE-MOUTH BLOCKED WITH CORPSES

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Asmara, To-day. General Graziani's victorious advance along the Ogaden front is depicted in glowing colours in the reports now reaching here. Having by means of a boldly-conceived advance of motorised troops succeeded in breaking the stubborn resistance of the advance guards of Ras Nasibu's army and having penetrated to the immediate vicinity of the chief Abyssinian defences at Sassabaneh and Dagamodo, the main body of General Graziani's army, consisting of white troops and Somali natives, has reached Fasan Valley by way of Warandab.

The Italians are now at Gabrenor, about 40 miles north of Warandab, that is about half way to Sassabaneh. The Italian advance is, however, not inconsiderably impeded by the heavy rainfall of the last few days, especially as the Abyssinian vanguard still continues to offer resistance, which though weak proves very irritating.

Everything suggests that the Abyssinians intend to make a stubborn resistance along a branch of the Dagamodo line, so as to hold this key position to the Harar-Jijiga route. Many tons of explosive material were dropped on the Abyssinian positions between Sannabaneh and Dagamodo, whereby numerous benzene reserves and munitions depots were exploded. Despite the Abyssinian anti-aircraft fire the Italian airmen went down very low in order to pepper the Abyssinian forces with machine-gun fire.

After four days' fighting at Gianogrobo 4,000 Abyssinian dead were found on the battlefield. The mouths of the caves from which the Abyssinians kept up their machine-gun fire were literally blocked with corpses. In many places the Abyssinian gunners were found chained to their weapons.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## THE MISSING MINISTER

SOME HOPES OF RESCUE

POSITION MORE CLOSELY DEFINED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

Although the missing German Minister, Baron von Stohrer, has not yet been found by any of the various search parties sent out by the Egyptian Government, there appear to be certain indications that the missing diplomat was seen but recently. Thus one of the participants in the international automobile race at Baharija, whose car returned to the starting point on Wednesday owing to a serious motor defect, asserts that he saw Baron von Stohrer on Saturday morning at a point approximately 75 kilometres from the Baharija oasis.

Since Baron von Stohrer's car carried a fuel supply for hardly more than 500 kilometres, it is believed that he could not have proceeded much further than the point where he was seen by the participant in the Baharija race.—Trans-Ocean Service.



Olivia de Havilland, Errol Flynn and Henry Stephenson are in the Warner Bros. production "Captain Blood," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

## BRITAIN'S PRIDE IN "QUEEN MARY"

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by Her Majesty the Queen, who ever, were not enough. If the Queen Mary is to maintain a four-day service between Southampton and New York she must travel continuously at a speed well over 30 land miles an hour. Hence her stupendous steam turbine propelling plant, which at full power is expected to develop 200,000 h.p. There are four sets of engines, and their total length of 220ft. exceeds the overall length of the ship.

It is impossible in a short article to attempt more than the briefest description of this mammoth ship. She has 12 decks and will provide accommodation for about 2,000 passengers: first-class, tourist and third. The crew numbers 1,050 and there are two captains, one—Commodore Sir Edgar Britten—in supreme command, and the other for staff duties.

The decorative scheme adopted for the public rooms strikes an entirely new note in ship embellishment. The themes chosen are modern without being fantastic and have been executed by nearly 30 artists, many of whose works are represented in the galleries of Europe and the United States. Those who are fortunate enough to voyage in the Queen Mary, whether as first-class, tourist or third-class passengers, will find comfort and service on a scale never before approached. For recreation purposes alone two acres of deck have been reserved.

### Weekly Service

I have already mentioned that, officially, the Queen Mary has not been built to compete for the blue riband. She was brought

into being because, for the first time in shipping history, it was found possible, thanks to the phenomenal progress of naval architecture and engineering, to maintain a regular weekly service between Southampton and New York with two ships instead of the three which have hitherto been necessary. The speed of the Queen Mary has, therefore, been dictated not by any ambition to break records, but by the time necessary to make the Atlantic crossing at all seasons of the year and in both directions, taking into consideration the number of hours in port on both sides of the Atlantic.

Fully to implement this policy, a second ship of a speed at least equal to that of the Queen Mary must be built, and there is, in fact, every hope that she will be laid down well before the end of this year. Until the second vessel is completed the Queen Mary is to maintain a weekly shuttle service with the French liner Normandie on a basis as little competitive as possible.

### Owners Confident

Unofficially the builders and owners of the Queen Mary are quite confident that she will establish a new ocean speed record and restore the blue riband to Britain. It is safe to say that her maiden voyage to New York on May 27 will be followed with keener and more universal interest than that of any previous liner, not excepting the Great Eastern, the Mauretania, the Bremen, Rex or Normandie, to name but a few of the historic ships on the Western Ocean ferry.

In another sense the Queen Mary has already established a world's record by employing in her construction and equipment a vast army of workpeople than had ever previously contributed to the building of a ship. It is estimated that no fewer than 250,000 men and women in almost every part of the United Kingdom have helped to build and fit out this wonder-vessel.

## COMMUNISM IN BULGARIA

Plotters Sentenced To Imprisonment

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Sofia, To-day.

After proceedings lasting several weeks another mass trial of Bulgarian communists charged with seditious activities came to an end in the town of Philipopolis, with the 24 accused being sentenced to terms of penal servitude varying between four and 12 years, while 22 other defendants were acquitted. Those found guilty include several leading functionaries of the illegal Communist Party and of the Communist Youth Organisation.

Two further trials of communist plotters in the towns of Ruschuk and Ichtiman resulted in nine persons being sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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Interviewed in Hong Kong, where they were recently vacationing, Charlie Chaplin, foremost film comedian, and his leading lady, Paulette Goddard, admitted that they plan marriage, but "they don't know when." The two are shown with the actress's mother, Mrs. Goddard, as they visited Honolulu en route to the Orient.

## GREEK BALKAN POLICY

TURKEY'S STAND SUPPORTED

A "QUID PRO QUO"

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.

The Greek delegation to Geneva will support the Turkish demands in the question of the fortification of the Dardanelles, declares the paper *Kathimerini* in an article, which adds that the proposed Turkish step is welcomed by Greece in view of her own security.

The acceptance of the Turkish demands, so the paper points out, will give Greece the right to fortify the islands of Samothrace and Lemnos. The Greek Government, however, according to the paper, has decided not to demand an amendment of Article XIII of the Lausanne Treaty, which aims at the fortification of the islands of Mytilene, Samos, Chios and Icaria, since the fortification of these islands is not considered necessary in view of the friendly relations existing between Turkey and Greece; and another reason why Greece will not demand a revision of the Lausanne Treaty, says the paper, is that she does not wish to encourage certain other States to put forward demands for treaty revisions which might jeopardise the peace in the Balkans.

In a statement which will be made by the Premier, General Metaxas, at the forthcoming meeting of the Balkan League at Belgrade, asserts the paper, the above standpoint will be made definitely clear.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## THE SOVIET AND POLAND

Good Press Relations Re-Established

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Warsaw, To-day.

The relations between the Polish and Soviet Russian press have been re-established, the new correspondent of a semi-official news agency having already taken up his duties here, while the representative of a Polish semi-official news agency will leave for Moscow within the next few days.

It will be recalled that the relations were interrupted in the summer of last year when the Moscow correspondent of a Polish news agency was expelled by the Soviet authorities, when the Polish Government retaliated by requesting the Soviet Russian correspondent at Warsaw to leave the country.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## CURRENCY IN POLAND

Devaluation Rumours Denied

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Warsaw, To-day.

The rumours which have been circulated concerning the alleged modification of Poland's currency policy and the impending devaluation of the zloty are emphatically denied and are said to be devoid of any foundation, according to an official statement issued by the Ministry of Finance.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## MAY DAY IN BERLIN

Big Celebrations Planned

BROADCAST ADDRESS BY THE CHANCELLOR

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

Although the Tempelhof Field will not be available for the mass demonstrations on May 1 this year because the extensive building operations now in progress on the field in connection with the enlargement of Berlin's aerodrome would hamper freedom of movement there, the May Day celebrations will lose none of the impressiveness of former years. The principal feature of the day's events will be an address delivered by the Chancellor and heard by the overwhelming majority of the "workers of brain and hand" throughout the Reich.

This year the Chancellor intends to speak from the grandstand in the Lustgarten, the square fronting the former Imperial Palace at the eastern end of the Unter den Linden. A Maypole is to be erected in the centre of the square. Since the Lustgarten will accommodate but a fraction of the masses expected to attend the celebrations, other participants will assemble in a straight line several kilometres long south and north of the driveway of the Unter den Linden and its prolongation as far as the Municipal Opera House in the eastern suburb of Charlottenburg. Loud-speakers will be set up all along this route to enable the participants to hear the Chancellor's address distinctly.

Among other features of the day's programme will be a session of the Reich Chamber of Culture, when Dr. Goebbels will announce the names of the winners of this year's prizes for meritorious performances in film production and book writing. A monster demonstration of the youth organisations will be held early in the morning and a torchlight procession in the evening, when army, navy and air force units and representatives of the various National-Socialist organisations will take part.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## NEW ELECTIONS IN BELGIUM

Senate And Chamber Dissolved

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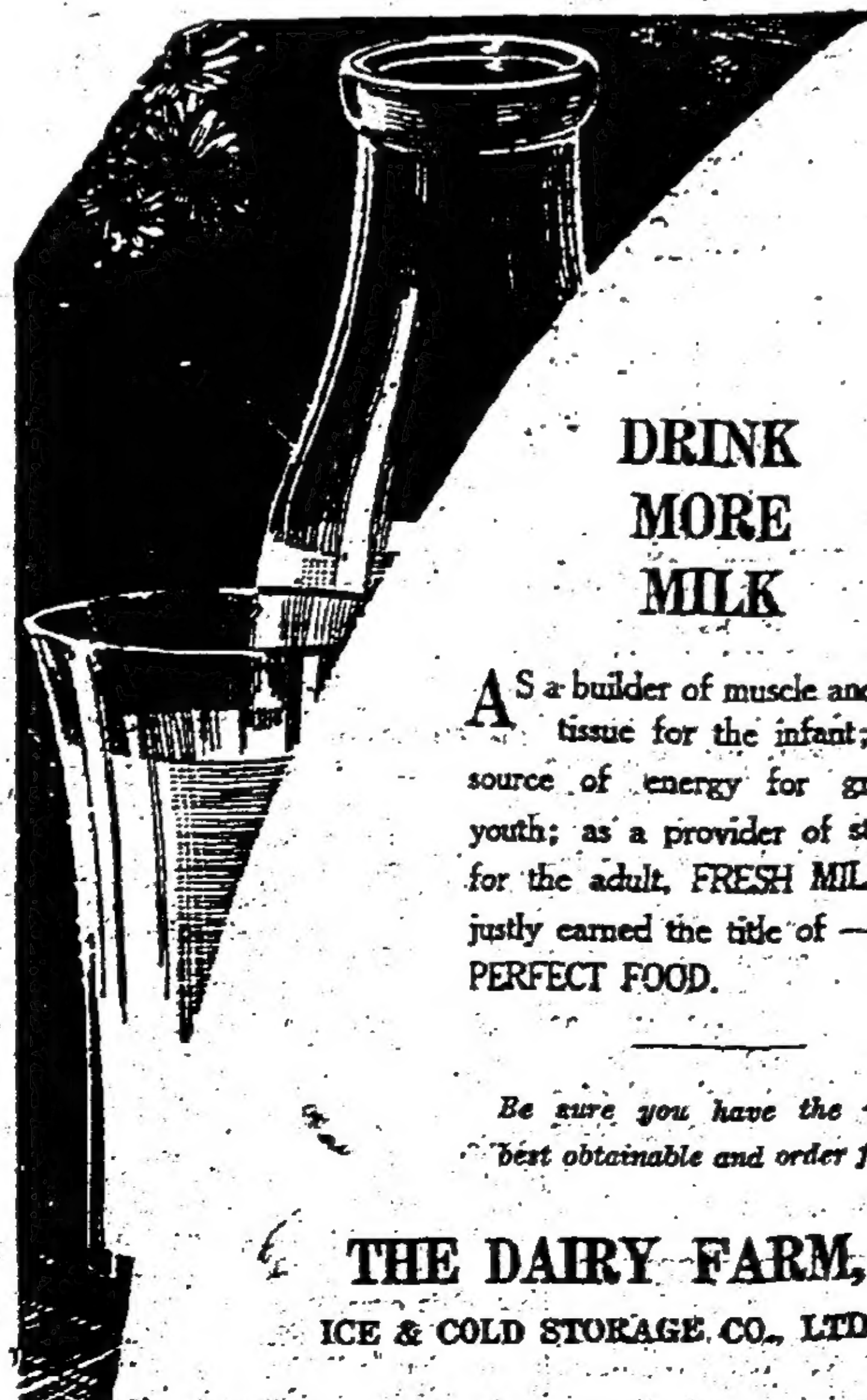
Brussels, To-day.

A Royal decree appeared in the official Gazette yesterday morning declaring the Chamber and Senate dissolved and the date for the new elections as being definitely fixed for May 24. The new Parliament will assemble at Brussels on June 23.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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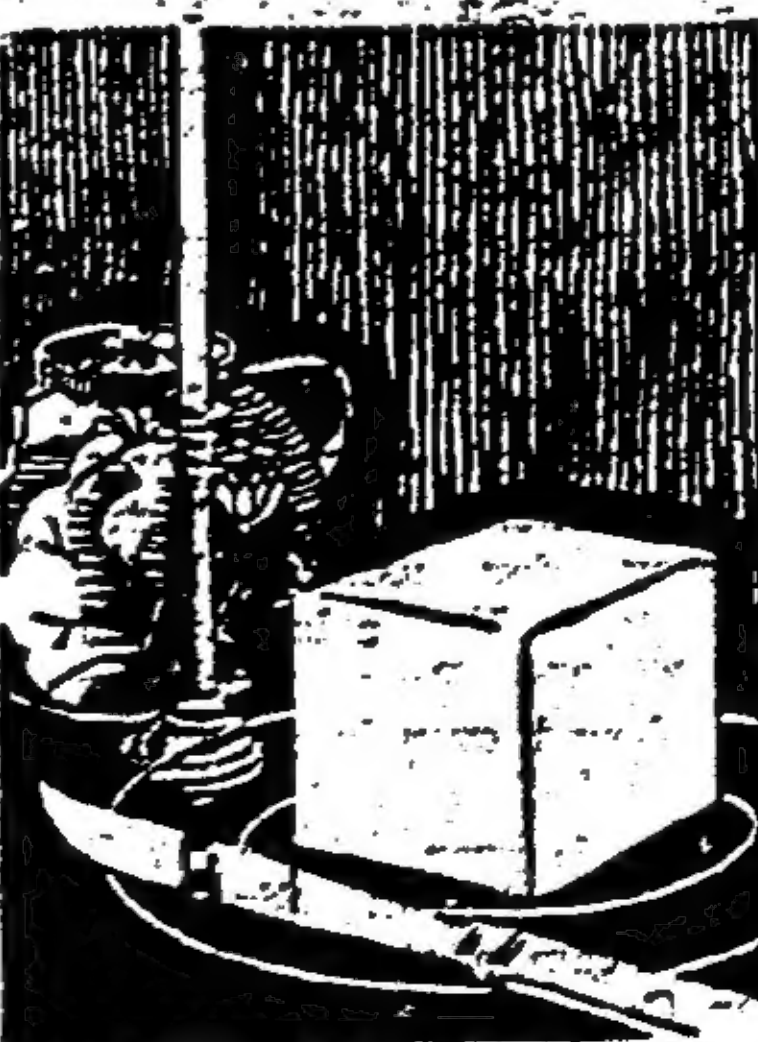
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## THE SCOTTISH EXPRESS TRAGEDY

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"One hour, Mr. Hawke. I'll have a message dropped at the next station and they can phone ahead from there to the police. Nobody will be allowed to leave the station. Although I know of you, of course, Mr. Hawke, that must also apply to you."

Again suspicion showed in his glance. It was a curious situation for the great detective. He was actually suspected of having murdered the passenger.

"With your permission, guard," Hawke said, as he bent to examine the body more closely.

The wound which had caused the man's death had been given by a very slender blade not more than six inches long. It had been driven into the base of the neck in such a way that it had pierced the cerebral cord. Death had been instantaneous.

Hawke took the guard by the arm and walked him to the small lobby at the end of the coach.

"A case of mistaken identity," the detective said.

"Mistaken identity?"

"Yes," Hawke answered grimly. "That knife was meant for me!"

Hawke explained how the fussiness of the dead man had resulted in the change of seats just before the train entered the tunnel.

"I don't want to go into details, guard," he added, "but there are certain people who have very good reasons to desire my life. I must confess I did not expect an attack on a non-stop train. It shows how desperate these criminals are. Our one chance of catching the murderer is before our first stop. He will certainly find some way to get rid of his weapon before we arrive."

"The attack was made from behind, so we can only suspect the passengers in that part of the coach," the official said.

"Or in the coach behind."

"That's out of the question, sir. One of the attendants would be in that lobby. In the event of the lights failing, it's a regulation that a man should station himself there."

"Good! Now, my table was near the top of the coach. There are five others behind it. Every seat is occupied, and so there are forty suspects."

"Sounds hopeless, Mr. Hawke."

"I'm not so sure, guard. Let us see what we can find out by questioning."

They re-entered the Pullman, and the guard sharply commanded the passengers to return to their seats. They did so reluctantly, and an embarrassed silence followed.

The faint clicking of wheels and the rhythmic swaying of the train alone showed that the flier was still in motion.

Hawke glanced over the people at the tables. Some of them looked defiant, others anxious. Here and there was a man who was really angry, and one of two who were amused.

"I am afraid," the detective said, "that all of us are under suspicion. A man was killed by somebody who is still in this coach."

Exclamations came from the passengers. People who did not know each other were instantly on their guard.

"If anybody has any evidence to give, please stand up," Hawke went on. "Was any movement noticed in the aisle between the tables? Did any passenger notice another leave his seat?"

There was a long silence. Then a lady who sat midway between the dead man and the rear of the coach stood up.

"Something brushed by me just after the lights went," she said. "I am sure it was a hand. I thought it was one of the attendants."

The passenger in front of her came to his feet.

"I had the same experience," he said sharply. "I was about to take my cigarette out of my mouth, and I touched somebody's hand."

"You could not see anybody?"

"Nobody. I was temporarily blinded by the failure of the lights."

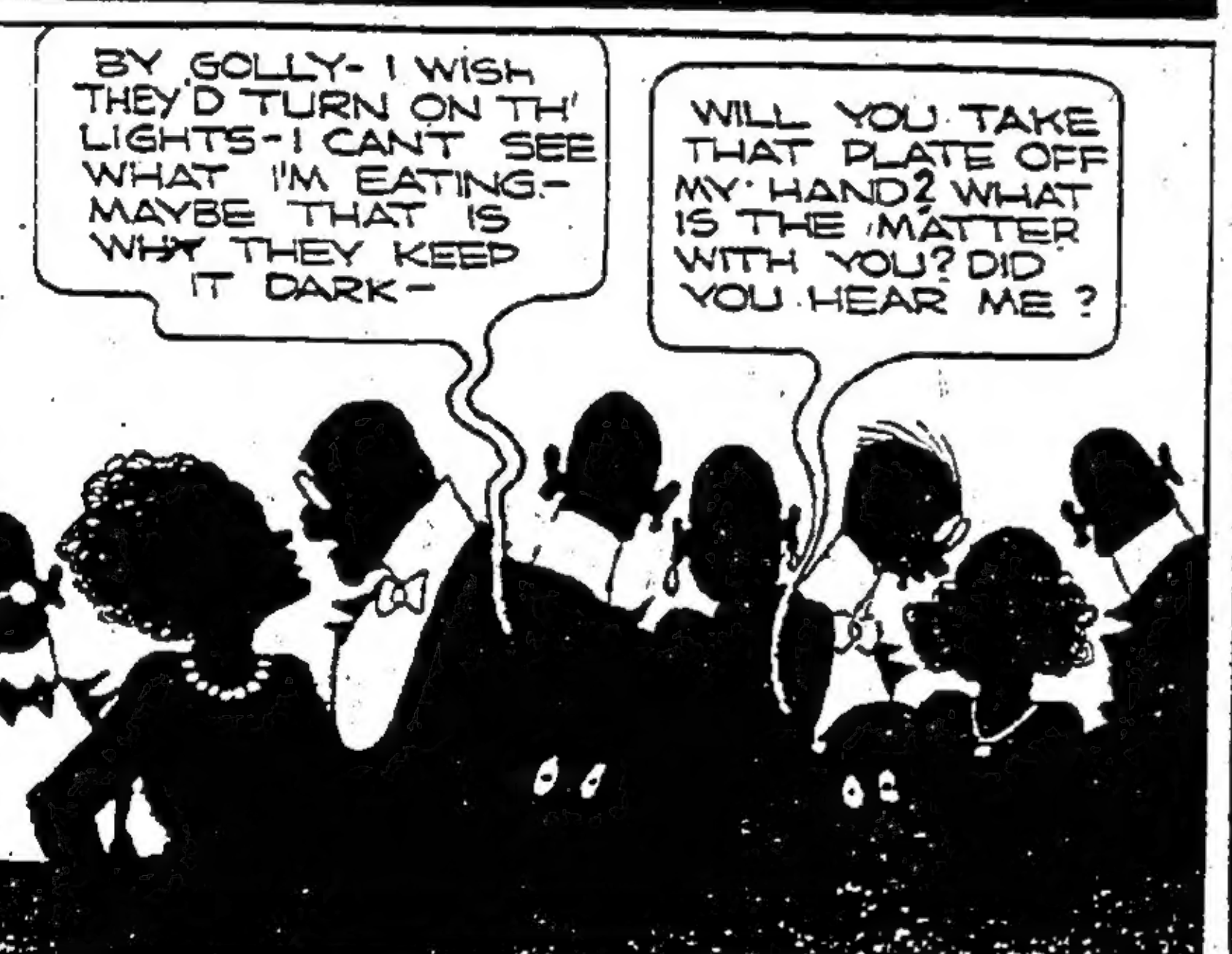
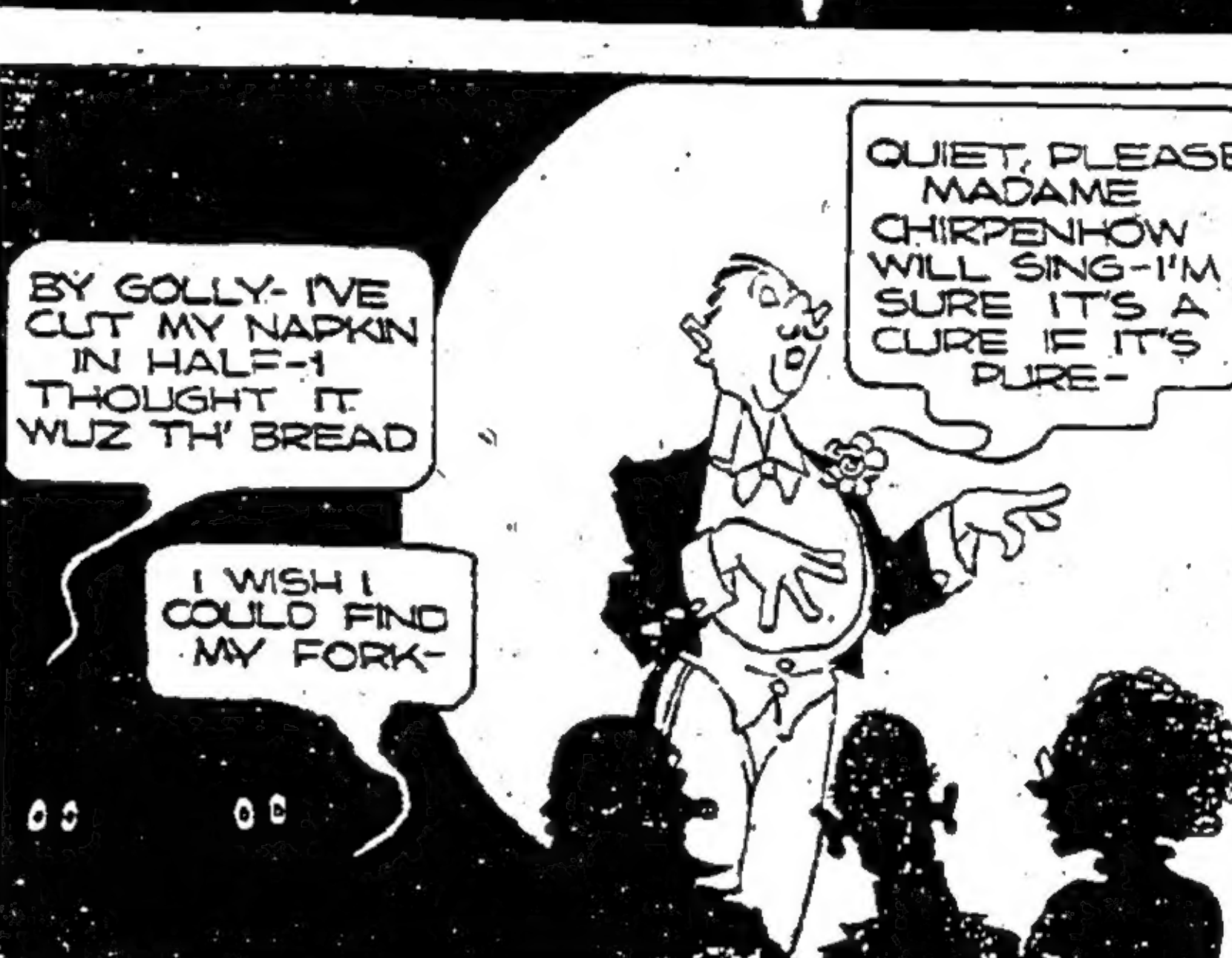
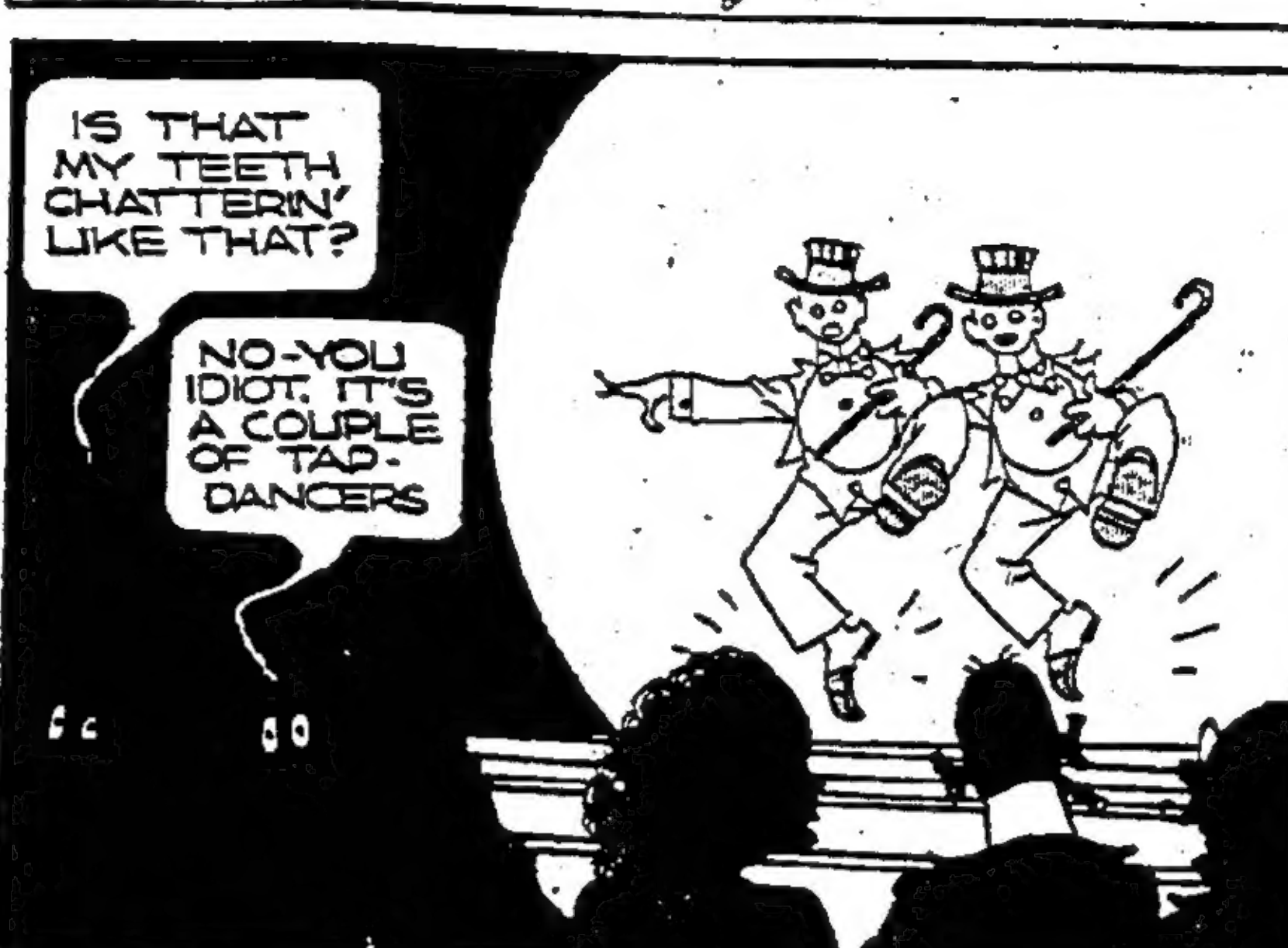
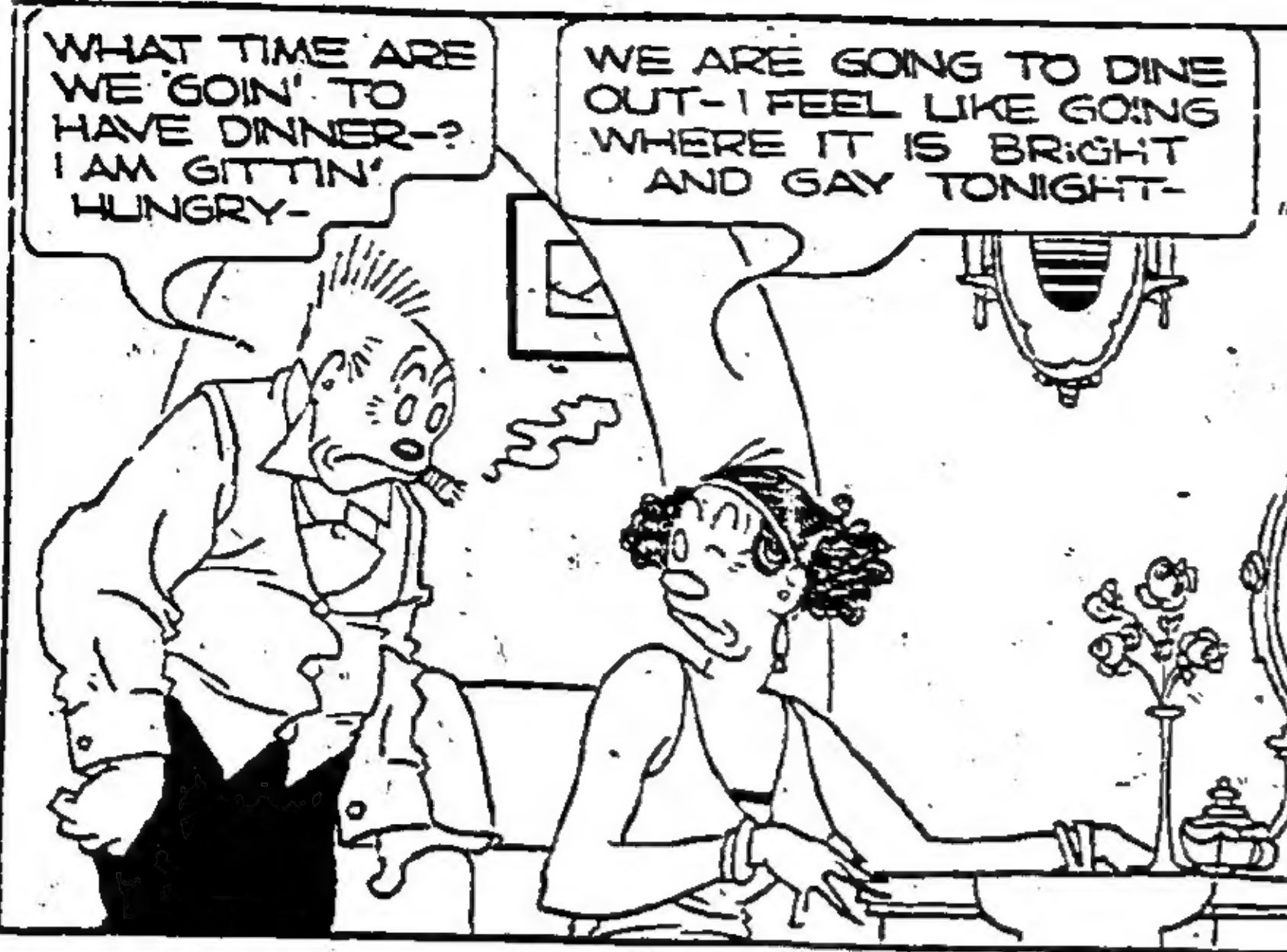
Both passengers sat on the right-hand side of the aisle which cut the Pullman in half. Hawke's eyes narrowed, and a look of interest showed in them. He glanced at the people on the left side of the aisle.

"Just before the lights came on, when the murderer was creeping back to his seat, did anybody else have the same experience?"

Another man stood up.

"Somebody rested his fingers on my shoulder!" he said. "I suppose it was confused with the back of the seat. When I moved the hand was withdrawn rapidly."

## Bringing Up Father



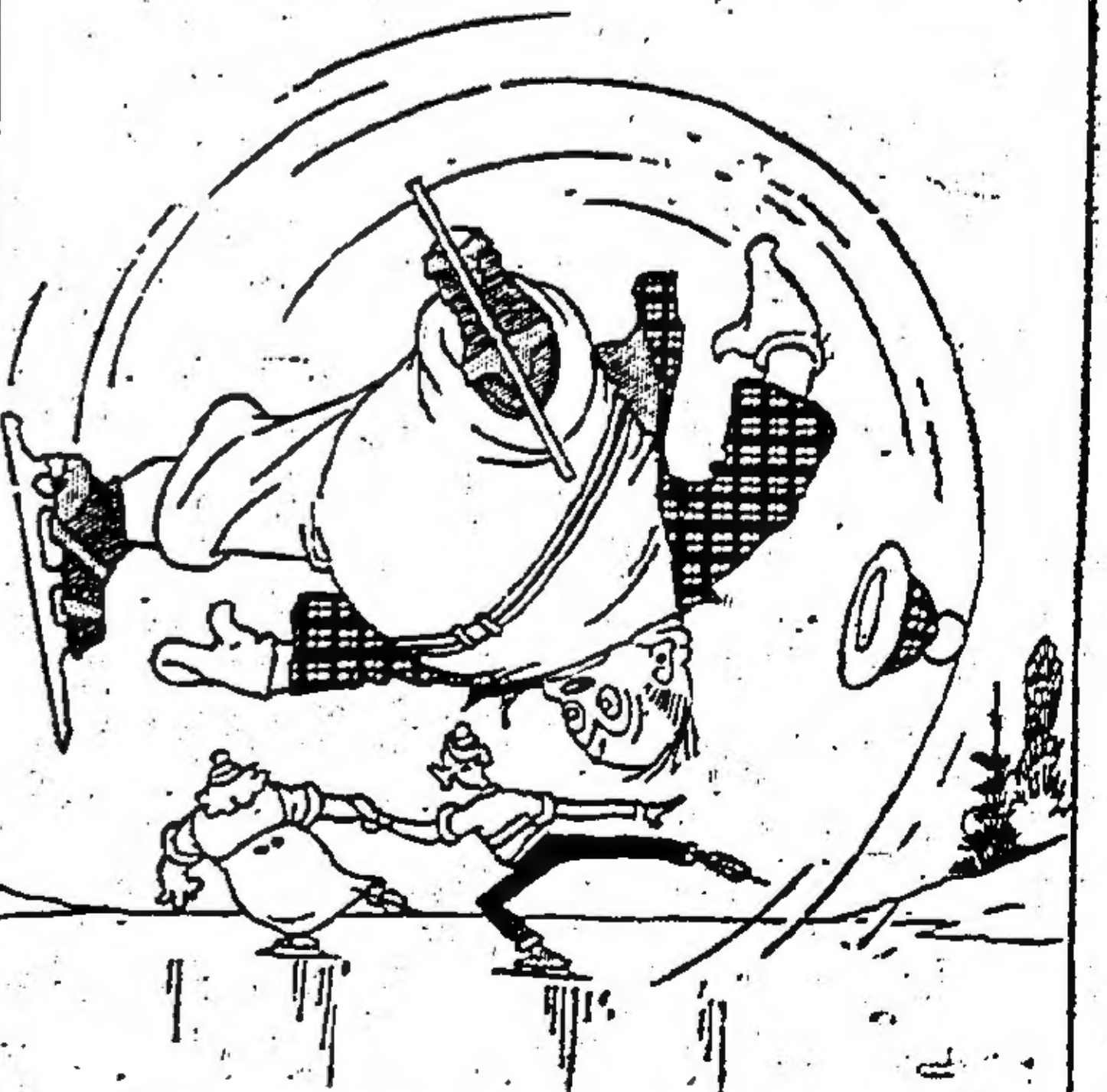
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**TALKIE TALKS**

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her biggest hits co-starred, with Gary Cooper, John Halliday Akim Tamiroff, William Frawley, Ernest Cossart, with direction by Frank Borzage. Coming shortly to the Queen's and strongly advised.

**"Gentle Julia"**

Jane Withers proves to be a lovable busybody in this popular Booth Tarkington novel of home folks in a small town in Indiana. She shares juvenile honours with Jackie Searl, while the grown-up roles are in the capable hands of Tom Brown, Marsha Hunt, Maurice Murphy and George Meeker. Ever since this clever child-actress appeared in the Shirley Temple film "Bright Eyes," she has been steadily improving as another outstanding Twentieth-Century-Fox box-office attraction. Her most recent picture was "Paddy O'Day," in which she made as big a hit as she did in "Ginger." Now in "Gentle Julia" she is given every chance to shine. If you like this eleven-year old girl you are in for a treat in this, her very latest, release. (Alhambra).

**Majestic**

"Shipmates Forever," starring Ruby Keeler and Dick Powell. Just another of those sentimental Naval Academy stories (with full co-operation of the U.S. Navy) giving a chance to Dick to croon some attractive numbers, and Ruby to tap dance better than she has ever done. Lewis Stone and Russ Alexander are outstanding in support. Well worth seeing, even if you think there is a little too much flag-waving done for those United States.

Followed by Bette Davis and George Brent in "Front-Page Woman." Hokus material, but with two such capable stars could not fail to be of interest — to see once.

"It's in the Air," with Jack Benny and Ted Healey as a pair of confidence men. Una Merkel, Nat Pendleton, Mary Carlisle and Harvey Stephens give sound support. Jack Benny's quiet wit and pleasant personality register well, and he makes the film worth seeing. (Majestic).

**Star, Kowloon**

Katharine Hepburn, Fred MacMurray, Fred Stone, Frank Albertson, Evelyn Venable, Ann Shoenmaker and others in a story of social ambition and snobbery. "Alice Adams" won for Miss Hepburn second place for the outstanding performances of the year, as awarded by the Motion Picture Guild. If you can judge for her indiscretions and wriggle uncomfortably in one's seat at her posing, then you will see her in what is considered — by some — her best performance. Personally I wondered how the hero could stand her for more than ten minutes — but every "fan" is entitled to his own opinion. That grand team Burns and Allen come after this drama in a



Errol Flynn, the Olympic hero and world adventurer, is in the Warner Bros. production, "Captain Blood," which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.



Preston Foster, as Marcus the blacksmith, and Gloria Shea as Julia, his wife, are here seen in one of the most awe-inspiring scenes of the RKO production, "The Last Days of Pompeii," which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Sunday.



Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are as funny as ever in their new picture, "The Bohemian Girl," which will soon be shown at the King's Theatre.

laughable far-fetched farce, "Here Comes Cookie." Miss Allen special shines and contributes a song too. Many vaudeville acts, plus the Burns and Allen duo with a grand cast, will prove this worth anyone's while. (Star).

**Oriental**

"Alibi Ike," starring Joe E. Brown. Mainly concerns baseball, but the well-liked comedian makes it amusing, even if not in the class of his recently-shown "Bright Lights." This was the first big chance that Olivia de Havilland (seen in "Captain Blood") had of showing her ability.

Followed by Edmund Gwenn in "The Bishop Misbehaves." Laurence O'Sullivan, Lucille Watson, Norman Foster, Lillian Bond are chief among the support. Splendid chance for the English star Edmund Gwenn to make good and shows that he is incapable of turning in anything but a fine performance. (Oriental)—DIANE.

**SHORT SHOTS**

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Rod la Rocque and Vilma Banky are celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary.

Adolphe Menjou has recovered from a serious illness, and Paul Cavanagh is in Switzerland recuperating from a broken ankle. Cavanagh recently made a film in England.

"Woody" van Dyke, who directed "Rose Marie" will again be at the helm in the forthcoming production "San Francisco," starring Jeanette MacDonald and Clark Gable, with Spencer Tracy as the featured player.

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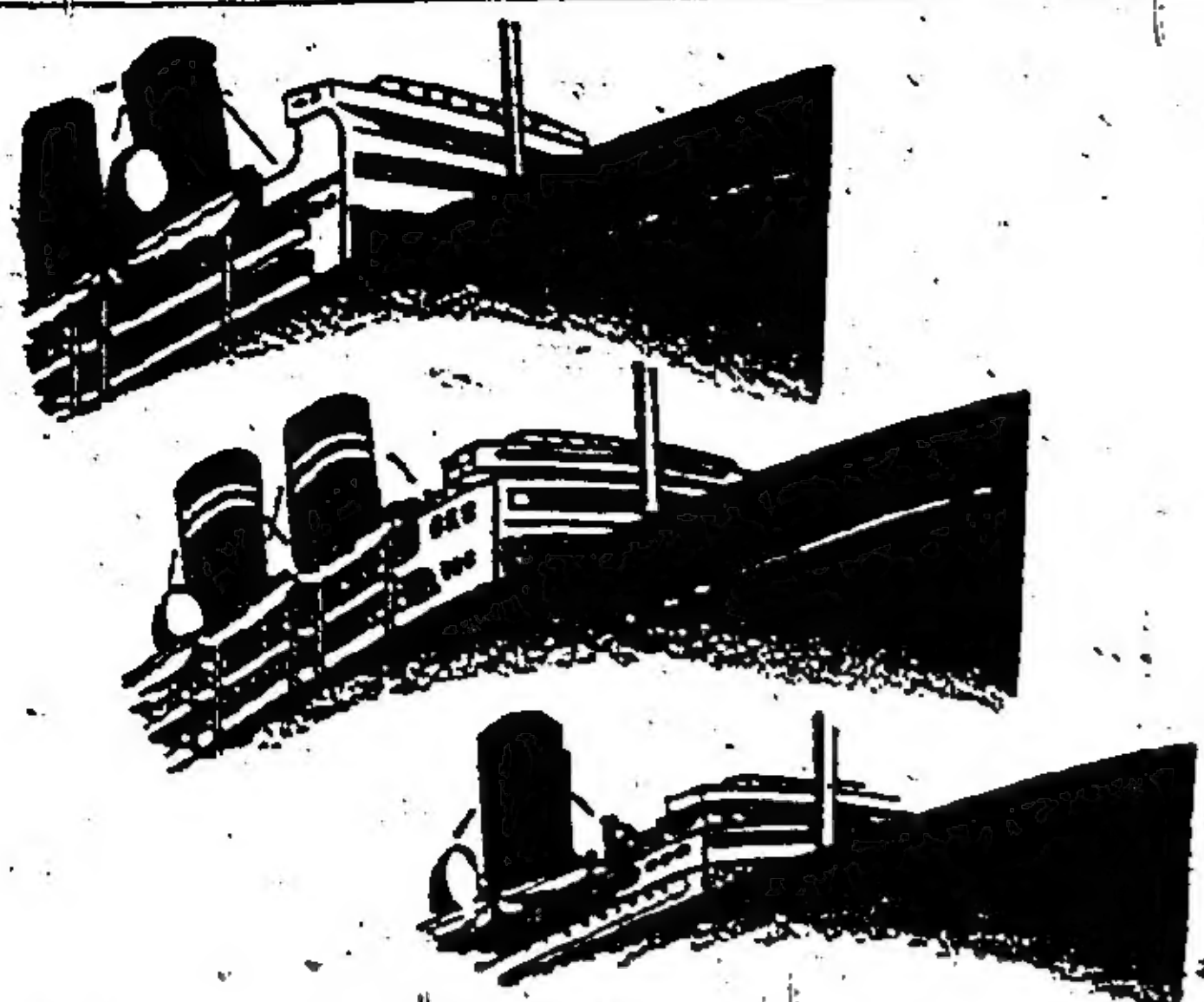
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## THE SCOTTISH EXPRESS TRAGEDY

(Continued from Page 11)

Hawke nodded. He had now established the fact that the killer had moved up the aisle on the right-hand side and gone back on the left. The detective appeared to be puzzled by these facts. He could not understand how the killer had not noticed his change of seats with the murdered man.

Mentally he reconstructed the scene in the Pullman as he had moved out to make the change. He remembered that one of the attendants had been removing dishes from the table behind him, and that a ticket-inspector had been on the other side. They would have effectively blocked the view of passengers sitting on the left-hand side of the aisle.

Hawke was now sure that he would find his man on that side of the Pullman. His keen eyes noted each man.

The table at the rear of the coach was only occupied by two men. One of them wore dark glasses and had his head lifted. As the detective watched the passenger's right hand moved carefully over the table to the pewter match-container.

He felt the side of the box with his left hand before he struck a match. Then he held the flaming splinter close to his face, slowly turning the cigarette in his mouth until it met the light.

The passenger was blind. The guard, too, had noticed this. Hawke heard the official gasp and gave him a quick, searching look. "You seem to have noticed something?"

"I have, Mr. Hawke. Will you come with me to the lobby for a moment?"

Hawke followed him and listened while the man spoke in a low but excited voice.

"The passengers say that they were touched by somebody who went down the aisle," the guard said. "From what they say we can gather the killer felt his way to your seat. Now, it strikes me, Mr. Hawke, that there's only one person in the Pullman who would act that way—the blind man."

He looked at the detective triumphantly. Hawke was really startled by the man's intelligent reasoning. He had the makings of a good detective.

"You forget one thing," he said. "A blind man would not have to feel his way. Living in eternal darkness, it would make no difference to him if the lights were out."

"He might have been counting the seats until he came to yours, Mr. Hawke. I was outside this coach before the train left King's Cross, and I remember that fellow getting in immediately after you. He brushed against you as you sat down."

"True. I remember that." "Then I think he's the man. He could not have seen you change seats, but he would have known the lights were out by the exclamations of the other passengers. It was his chance and he took it."

The guard glanced at his watch. "In another twenty minutes we'll be at our destination. I'm going to complete this business before the train stops. We must try and find the weapon."

He returned to the coach. Having explained to the passengers that the knife with which the crime had been committed was still likely to be in the Pullman, he asked that the contents of all pockets and bags be turned out.

A murmur of protest came from the passengers. At the end of the coach the blind man stood up.

"I protest!" he snapped. "This is a job for the police, and not for you!"

"I am in much the same position as the captain of a ship," the official answered sharply. "Until this train stops, I am in command. You will oblige me by turning out your pockets."

The passengers obeyed, and a collection of wallets, pens, and other personal objects were soon piled on the tables.

Still muttering to himself, the blind man fumbled in his pockets. He took out a watch, a wallet, a bunch of keys. Then a puzzled expression crossed his face. From a side pocket he had taken out a fountain pen. He rolled it between his fingers while the puzzled look changed to one of bewilderment.

"I'm sure I didn't have this with me!" he exclaimed.

The guard picked it up. The pen was heavy and thick. There were bands of gold around the barrel. It looked like the sort of pen which is made specially for presentation.

"It's not yours?" he asked.

"Why do I need a pen?" the blind man rasped. "I cannot see to write."

The guard unscrewed the cap



Arline Judge, Paul Kelly and Sammy Cohen are in "Here Comes Trouble," which will be shown at the King's Theatre soon.

As he did so there came a sharp click from the interior. A spring had pushed out a slender blade nearly six inches long. There were ugly red stains on the steel.

Hawke gave a low exclamation as he snatched the pen from the official. He had no doubt that it was the weapon with which the passenger had been killed.

"So you don't know what this is, eh?" the guard asked softly. "A fountain pen. That's all I know. I can't see it."

Two attendants moved up behind the blind man at a signal from the guard. Exclamations of amusement and horror came from the other passengers. The man who had been sitting at the same table jumped hastily into the aisle.

"To think I was by the side of a murderer!" he gasped. "You didn't notice him get up when the lights went out?"

"No, I was dozing."

"Very good, sir. Well, Mr. Hawke, I don't think we need look any further. We have the man who thought he was attacking you and killed the other passenger by mistake!"

He nodded to the attendants. They gripped the blind man's arms and held him tightly as the train rattled over the points outside Leeds.

Dixon Hawke glanced at the ragged prisoner and then back at the guard. The latter's look of triumph was now undisguised. It would be a great thing for him if he could say that he had succeeded where the famous detective had failed.

"A clear case, sir," Hawke shrugged his shoulders. "Apparently," he said, "there's one thing that remains, however, guard. You had better take the names and addresses of everybody in the coach. They will be called as witnesses—wait, I will do that for you."

He took from his pocket a notebook and pencil, and walked up the aisle, putting the book in front of each passenger.

"You'd better write it yourself," he said. "We shall waste time if we have names spelt to me."

The notebook was very full when Hawke reached the passenger who had been sitting at the blind man's table.

"If you please, Mr.——"

"Bryant," the man supplied.

He looked up quickly at the detective. His eyes were small and dark, somehow vindictive. The hand which reached out for the book trembled slightly.

The man picked up the pencil with his left hand and hastily wrote down his name and address.

"I can't give any evidence," he muttered. "As I told the guard, I was dozing."

Hawke smiled strangely.

"You have given me all the evidence that is necessary," he said quietly. "I want you for murder!"

For one moment Bryant stood there staring at the detective. Then, with a shriek, he turned and bolted down the aisle towards the lobby. He began to fumble with the catch of the door. The train was already slowing down outside the station.

Hawke darted after him. Passengers, attendants, and guard were all too startled to move.

They saw the detective fling himself at the man. Like a wildcat the fellow twisted round and struck at him. There was the flash of steel in his fist for he had picked up the fountain-pen dagger as he fled.

The blade caught Hawke in the arm, inflicting a minor wound. He still hung on grimly, but Bryant seemed to be made of steel wires.

A jolt of the train as it passed over some points threw the detective to the other side of the swaying lobby. At once Bryant came at him, dagger uplifted.

Hawke struck upwards with all his force, catching the killer on the wrist and causing him to drop the weapon. Then he sprang and caught him by the arms.

Again Bryant succeeded in dragging himself free. The train had almost stopped, and, with a yell, the man jerked open the door and sprang out on the lines. He had a very good chance of getting away.

His shout was drowned by the shriek of a train whistle. The flyer had slowed to let another express pass. It was running in the direction of London, and had already picked up a considerable speed.

Bryant made a desperate attempt to jump clear, but he had no chance. Caught by the engine he was flung down across the tracks. A dreadful cry rang out, and then there was a confused chorus of shouts and the noise of brakes screeching.

Hawke's face was very white as he stepped back into the coach. He nodded to the windows on the left side, facing the scene of the accident.

"Pull those blinds down," he commanded the attendants. "It isn't exactly pleasant."

The guard was by his side, and there was a look of bewilderment on the official's face.

"I don't understand, sir. I don't know how you suddenly knew 'was that man'."

Hawke pointed to the seat where the passenger had been sitting. "A reconstruction of what happened will make you understand better," he said. "Move up the aisle as if you were the murderer creeping towards me."

The official obeyed. As he went along he touched the backs of the seats with his right hand. Reaching Hawke's table, he stopped and looked back.

"Now come back," the detective commanded, "on the left side of the aisle, as this man did."

Again the guard obeyed. "The look of bewilderment on his face remained."

"I'm blessed if I can understand what that proves," he muttered. "It was not quite a proper reconstruction. You forget that the killer would have pulled his fountain-pen dagger as he jumped up. He was holding it ready for action as he crept along."

"Yes, but—"

"Think, guard. How could he have gone up the aisle on the right-hand side and touched people while he was gripping that weapon?"

"It must have been in his other hand."

"It was in his other hand—but he would not have held it with his left if that had not been the natural thing for him to do. I realised when passengers said that they had been touched by the killer's hand that we were dealing with a man who used his left and not his right. If he had been right-handed, he would have gone up the aisle on the right and have come back on the left."

Hawke smiled at the official's crestfallen expression.

"I had no chance to find my man," he went on, "until the opportunity for taking the names and addresses of witnesses came my way. Bryant picked up the pencil with his left hand, of course, and that was all I needed."

"And the knife which got in this gentleman's pocket?" the guard asked.

"When the killer realised that a search was likely to be made, he slipped it into that pocket. He had already seen us glance towards the passenger who was suspected. A quick-witted man, guard, but he thought he was safe after the knife had been found."

Dixon Hawke shrugged his shoulders.

"The cleverest criminal trips up in the end through carelessness," he said.

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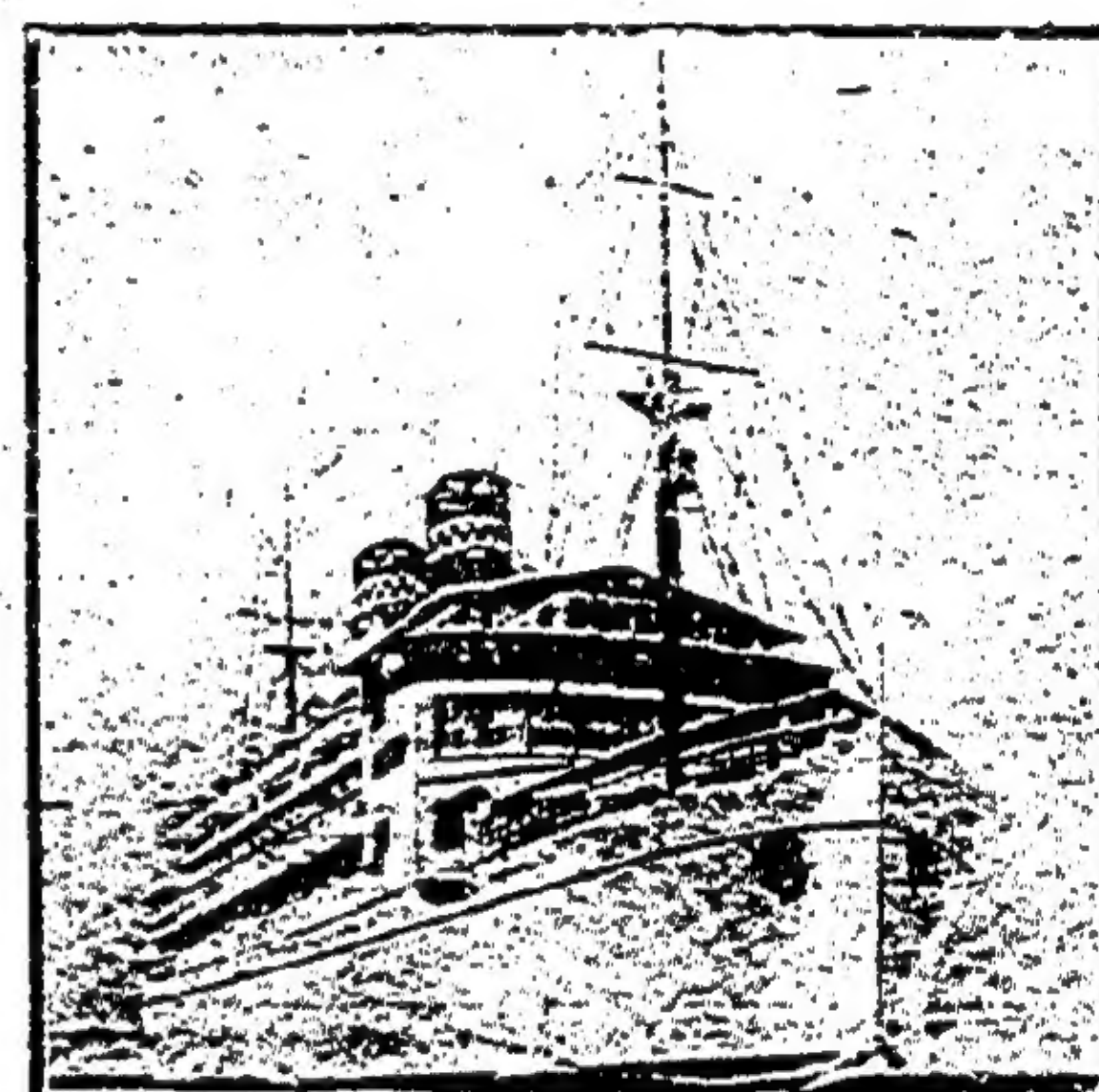
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The alderman held that the statements made in an article headed "What the Stars Foretell" were so vague that they did not come within the terms of Section 4 of the Vagrancy Act, 1824. He declined to allow costs against the Naylor, an astrologer, and John Robert Gordon, editor of the *Sun* and *Express*.



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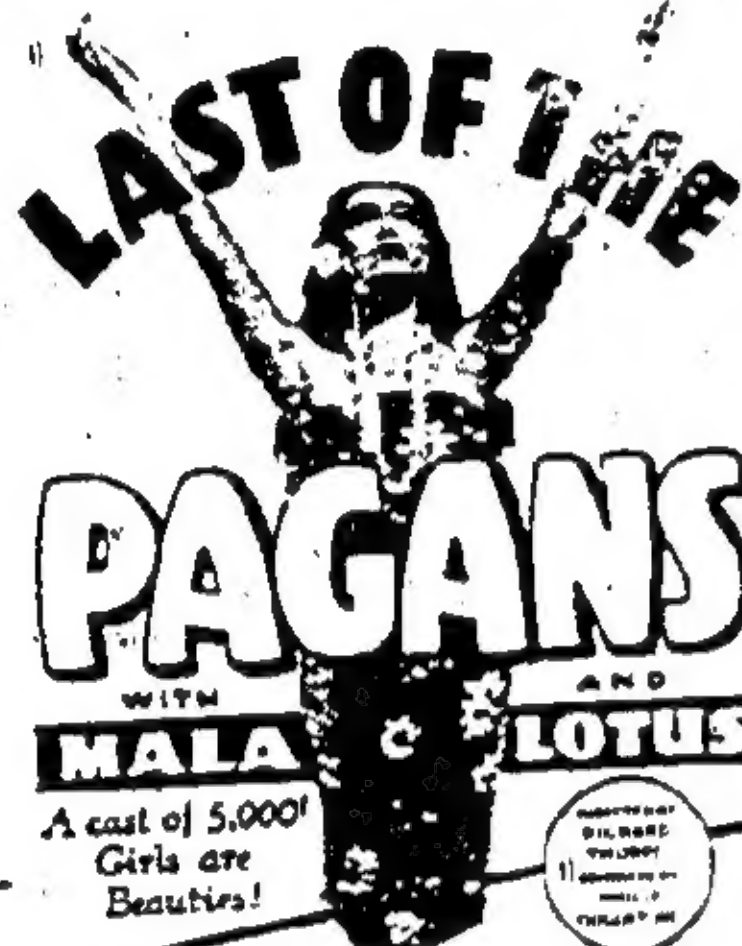
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## THE SOVIET AND CHINA

Agreement With Gen. Chiang?

JAPANESE REPORTS

(From Our Own Correspondent)  
Canton, To-day.

That General Chiang Kai-shek has reached some agreement with Soviet Russia for a common front against Japan is hinted by Japanese reports from North China. This gives rise to rumours here that there may be an armed clash between China and Japan.

The flying visits of General Chiang to Hankow, Chungking, Chengtu and Taiyuan lent colour to the belief that he is making military preparations against Japanese aggression. Japanese reports state that General Chiang has 400 first-line aeroplanes and is still buying more machines from the United States.

Well-informed quarters accept as authentic the Nanking denial that there is no pact between Moscow and Nanking, pointing out that the Soviet leaders do not wish to have further dealings with Chiang in view of the unpleasant relations of 1926-1927. However, it is explained that Moscow concluded a pact with Outer Mongolia, which the Kremlin trusts.

North China is peaceful at the moment. There are no pressing problems between the Chinese and Japanese, according to observers who have returned here from Peiping. North China officials are maintaining cordial relations with Japanese military leaders.

## MEMEL PAPERS FINED

Alleged "Inflammatory Articles"

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Kovno, To-day.  
The military commander of the Memel region has condemned the well-known German language papers *Memeler Dampfblatt* and *Lietauische Kurier*, published in the Lithuanian language by the same firm, to a fine of 5,000 litas each for alleged "inflammatory articles."

In the event of the fine not being paid the responsible editors of the papers in question will, by the military commander's order, have to go to prison. — Trans-Ocean Service.

## EXCAVATION IN COTSWOLDS

Burial Of 4,000 Years Ago

HUMAN SACRIFICES

In an account of her excavation of the 4,000 years old Notgrove long barrow in the Cotswolds before a meeting of the Society of Antiquaries last month Mrs. E. M. Clifford revealed that the barrow, which is 160ft long and 80ft wide, was made on a plan without known parallel.

An ante-chamber opens on to a central passage, flanked by two chambers on each side, and terminating in a fifth chamber at the western end.

Here was a circular, dome-like structure, in which was a cist (stone grave), containing human bones. These, Mrs. Clifford said, were probably those of the man in whose honour the structure was built.

The forecourt was roughly paved with stone. In front of the portal there was a circular depression on which the bones of a young person and a child had been placed; these were probably in the nature of a sacrifice.

## LIVED IN FIVE REIGNS

Mrs. Sarah Guy, of Freegrove-road, Holloway, who had lived in five reigns, died recently three weeks before her 105th birthday.

## CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN PARIS

Received By Foreign Minister

Paris, To-day.  
The Foreign Minister, M. Flandin, received Dr. Wellington Koo, who handed to him a copy of his credentials. The formal presentation of the credentials will be made to President Lebrun later. — Reuter.

## NEW CONSTITUTION OF CHINA

To Be Proclaimed In November

GENERALISSIMO CERTAIN TO BE FIRST PRESIDENT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.  
General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan, is the unopposed candidate for the Presidency of China under the new Constitution to be proclaimed in November, according to Nanking reports received here.

Canton leaders have not expressed any opinion on General Chiang's candidacy. There will be no opposition from the South-west, if the General is sincere in safeguarding Chinese territory and sovereign rights, and if he does not interfere with affairs in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Nanking official reports give the hint that General Chiang is flying among the North-west provinces and Yunnan in order to inspect the defences in the event of further Japanese invasion. His trip to Yunnanfu is apparently to reorganise the provincial government and to place his own men in control of the administration.

Well-informed circles here wonder why Nanking accepts S. Kawagoe as the next Japanese Ambassador to China, if a strong stand against Japan is decided upon. It is believed that Mr. Kawagoe will maintain a very strong policy towards China in view of his past activities in Canton and elsewhere.

As all the high officials have returned here from various resorts, they will give attention to the presidential and ambassadorial issues over the week-end.

## ITALIAN REVERSE NEAR DANANE

(Continued from Page 1)

According to another report reaching here the native troops belonging to the Galla tribe, who had gone over to the Italians and formed part of the Italian advance guard at Dessie, have now returned to their ancient allegiance. The report affirms that the Gallas have made common cause with the Abyssinians and are attacking the Italian troops in the neighbourhood of Dessie. — Trans-Ocean Service.

## GREAT ACTIVITY

London: Activity is reported on both fronts of Ethiopia. Reuter's correspondent with the Italian northern army reports that Italian planes are bombing and machine-gunning the Ethiopian troops 40 miles south of Dessie, who are trying to divert streams to destroy the road to Addis Ababa.

The correspondent with the Ethiopian forces says that thousands of Ethiopian troops are arriving by caravan on the Dessie route, where they are reorganising, and the cream of the Ethiopian armies are taking up positions in the almost impregnable natural strongholds, rocks and ravines adjoining the Dessie road. He states that competent engineers estimate that it will take the Italians at least two months should they rebuild the shattered road. It is emphasised that, given a respite of at least a month until the arrival of the rains, Abyssinia will again have a formidable army.

The Ethiopian commander, Ras Naasibou, reports a big battle on the southern front around Mount Chiko, north of Danakil, and claims that four days' fighting resulted in a stalemate despite the Italian native troops being strongly reinforced by white soldiers. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

## REARMAMENT IN GERMANY

Mr. Winston Churchill's Figures

"PRODIGIOUS, DISTURBING AND ALARMING"

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill intervened yesterday afternoon in the resumed House of Commons debate on the budget resolution and warmly commended Mr. Neville Chamberlain's stewardship of the national finances since 1932. He went on, however, to express misgivings as to the adequacy of the provision for rearmament.

He recalled his repeated statements on the rate of military preparations in Germany, which, he said, were based on information from sources which he could not divulge, but he had checked it from a great many other quarters, and he maintained in good faith the approximate accuracy of his figures. It was acknowledged, and was formidable enough, that the expenditure of the German Government between March, 1933, and June, 1935, above the previous level of the budget expenditure was £1,000,000,000, but other factors suggested that the figure was far below the actual facts.

Therefore, Mr. Churchill concluded, he was justified in the startling statement that £800,000,000 was spent by Germany in 1935 alone on warlike preparations — a most prodigious, disturbing and alarming figure, which he challenged the Chancellor to contradict when he wound up the debate. — British Wireless Service.

## BRITAIN'S MANDATE TERRITORIES

Questions Asked In Parliament

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons whether the Dominions have been consulted regarding and had approved the Government's policy respecting mandated territories and its willingness to consider the transfer of some of them on certain conditions, the Prime Minister replied that the question indicated a misapprehension. The Government had frequently stated they had not and were not considering any transfer at all. It followed that consultation with the Dominions had not arisen. — British Wireless Service.

## HIS MAJESTY'S ACCESSION

Interesting Ceremonies Pending

London, To-day.

Two interesting ceremonies connected with the King's accession to the throne will take place at Buckingham Palace next month. Early in the month the Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the Court of St. James will attend at the Palace and present anew their letters of credence to the Sovereign. Later in the month the King is to accept his Field Marshal's baton. All Field Marshals of the British Army, headed by the Duke of Connaught, will attend the ceremony. — British Wireless Service.

## WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan. Pressure is low over Tongking and China generally. A continental depression is indicated over the Yangtze Valley to the west of Shanghai. East and south-east winds, cloudy generally, some fog or mist, was the forecast for today, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

## DESPERATE BATTLE

Addis Ababa: A desperate battle is reported to be raging in a mountain pass 120 miles from the capital, with the Emperor's forces fighting desperately to hold up the Italian advance. The Abyssinian Government has definitely decided not to leave Addis Ababa. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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